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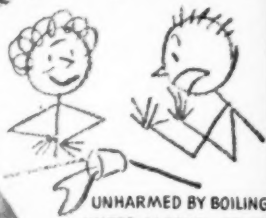
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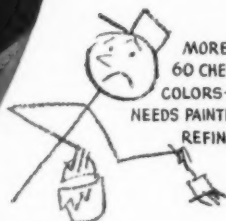
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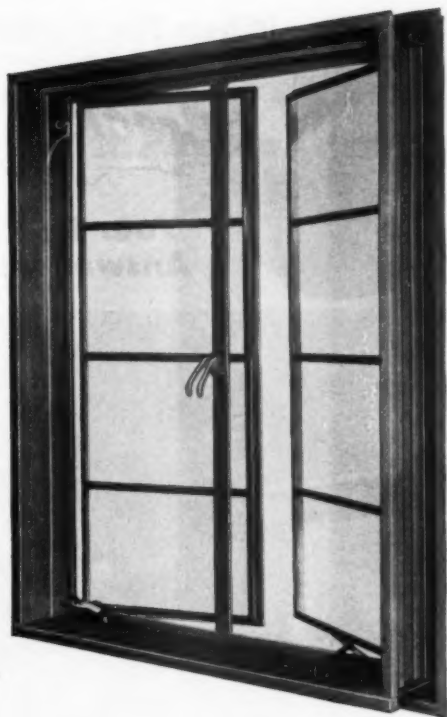
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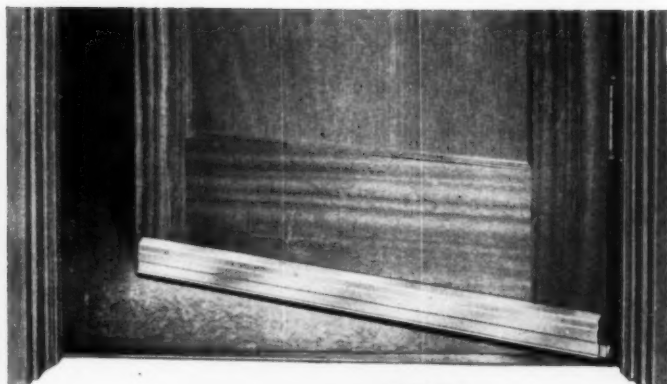
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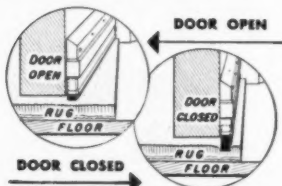
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## Publisher's Page



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**T**HE RESULTS of the election looked very significant in November. What the new congress now in session actually *does* will show whether the results were as significant as they looked two months ago.

It has been repeatedly emphasized on this page that all the important domestic issues confronting the people of this country add up to one vitally important issue—viz., that of socialism. It has also been emphasized that there is only one arena in which this great issue can be fought out to a finish—viz., that of politics. And it was fought out in that arena last November, although the issue of foreign policy had considerable influence on the voters.

There are really three major parties in the country—the pro-socialist Truman Democrats, the anti-socialist Southern Democrats and the anti-socialist Republicans. In the primaries in the South, which are equivalent to elections, Truman Democrats were defeated by anti-Truman Democrats in almost every instance. Likewise in the North, most Republicans won in the elections; and the more outspokenly they opposed socialistic policies, the greater their victories. The result is that a coalition of anti-Truman Democrats and Republicans can ex-

ercise complete control of the new congress.

Why most leaders of labor unions favor most socialistic policies is difficult to understand. But they do, and it has been owing to their control of it that the Truman branch of the Democratic party has gone so largely socialistic. But the election indicated that it is the *leaders*, not the *members*, of labor unions who favor socialism. In almost every instance where the labor leaders openly and strongly opposed a candidate for the Senate or House, he was triumphantly elected. The most notable example was in Ohio, where the labor leaders did their utmost with both propaganda and money to defeat Senator Taft. But Taft's re-election by a huge majority was largely because many, or most, members of labor unions voted for him, as he carried almost every important industrial area.

Another notable result was the defeat in Illinois, by a large majority, of the Truman leader in the Senate, Scott W. Lucas, by Republican Everett Dirksen, who campaigned for months against every socialistic policy of the administration. Still another was the defeat for re-election in Utah of an advocate of all socialistic policies, Senator Thomas, who was beaten by—of all people—

a former president of the National Association of Manufacturers!

The new congress can hardly fail to realize that the effort of labor leaders to continue, through the Truman branch of the Democratic party, to keep control of the government in behalf of socialistic policies, was utterly beaten and that members of labor unions expressed themselves, by their votes, as strongly against socialism and for the American system, as other citizens.

The trend toward socialism has been reversed, at least temporarily; but its opponents in the new congress will need strong backing from the people who elected them if the trend is to be permanently reversed.

The danger that it will not be permanently reversed is due to the fact that there are so many voters who are opposed to *most* socialistic policies, but put pressure on their representatives in congress in behalf of *particular* socialistic policies that they believe will benefit *them*. As the election showed, a large majority of the people are opposed to *socialism as a whole*; and if we ever get it this will be due to the adoption, one at a time, of many *particular* socialistic policies, such as socialized medicine, socialized transportation and socialized housing, which together will add up to socialism.

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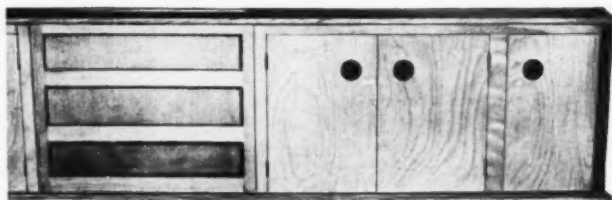
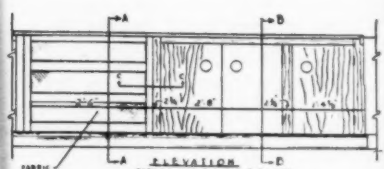
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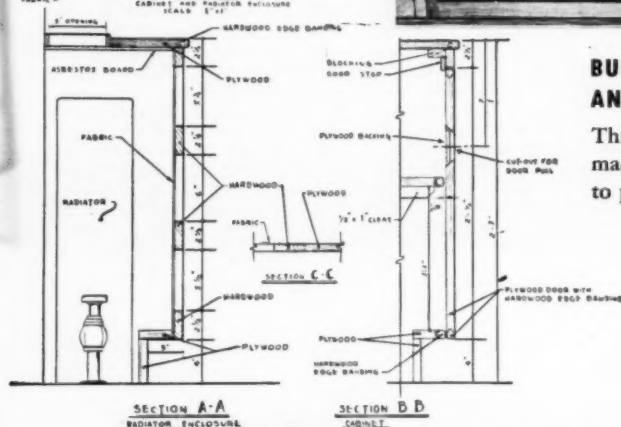
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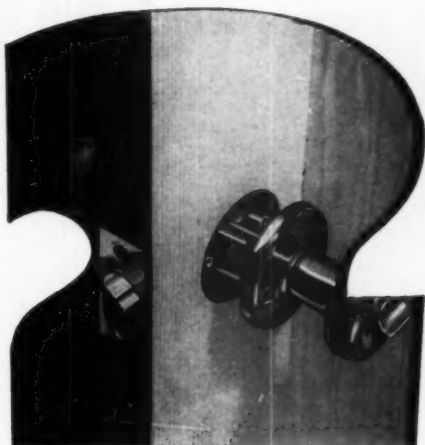
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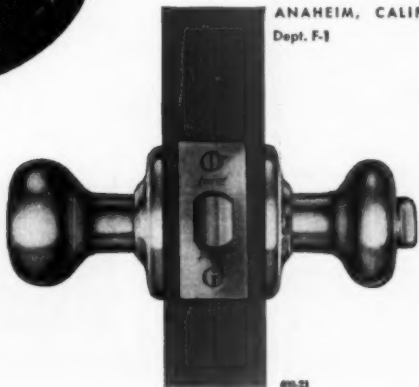


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# TRENDS in the Building Field

## Factors Which Will Affect Housing in 1951

**A**T NO other time in history could experts predict residential starts with as great certainty as they can this year, except possibly during the years of World War II when material and labor were allocated. The government is now relying on Regulation X, which imposes stringent terms for financing, to bring housing starts down from 1,250,000 units in 1950 to 850,000 units in 1951. If it appears that too few are being started the terms will be relaxed; if there are too many starts, terms will be tightened. Given these conditions, what is likely to happen in 1951 so far as the building market is concerned?

With five years of peak building activity behind us there is doubt in some quarters that as many as 850,000 new houses can be sold on any terms. The 1950 Census of Housing shows that there has been an increase of 24 per cent in the number of habitable dwelling units since 1940. In the meantime the population has increased only 14 per cent. However, another factor has operated to increase housing demand—the average American family has declined in size by 8 per cent. On the average there were 3.4 persons per household in March 1950 as compared with 3.7 in April 1940. In April 1930 there were 4.0 persons per household. The decline in size of families has of course required more dwelling units. A continuation of this downward trend in the size of families will require still more dwelling units.

Assuming that the number of dwelling units is now equal or very nearly equal to the number of families, a vacancy ratio of as much as 5 per cent is economically very desirable. This would require 2,300,000 dwelling units in addition to 400,000 units required annually for the anticipated increase in families during the next several years.

It therefore appears that the market is still strong. Since consumer incomes are likely to increase there will be a need and a desire for new homes plus better than average ability to pay for them during this period of full employment and high wages.

Regulation X has eliminated the no down payment—\$50 per month arrangement by which families of average means could buy new homes

in many metropolitan areas and in some other places. The continuance and extension of this arrangement would assure a big market. Now a G.I. needs a \$1,300 down payment on a \$10,000 house and a non-veteran needs \$2,300. Government experts calculated that this would cut housing demand one-third from last year's high level. It may cut it more or government experts may be surprised to see demand increase beyond 850,000.

**Shortages and delays** of building materials will make things tough this year. The shortage will be largely in metal items. It appears that lumber and cement will be plentiful.

The labor situation will be spotty. In localities where credit curbs have reduced residential starts the supply of labor will be plentiful.

**Industrial building** is expected to expand. But not all industrial building will expand. New or expanding plants that aid the defense effort will get preference. Spending on plant construction is expected to center in steel and aluminum.

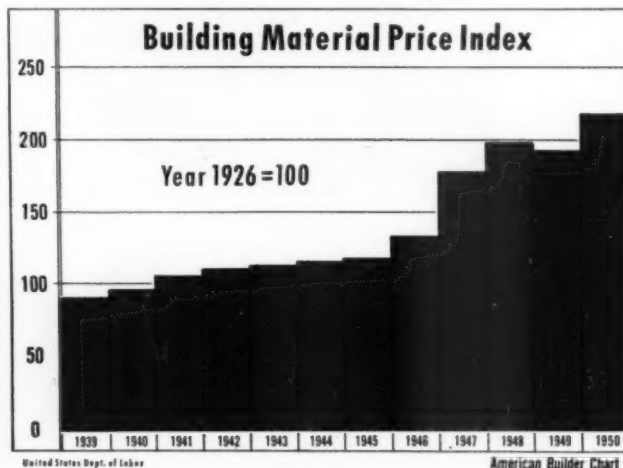
Except for amusement building there are no curbs on commercial building at present. These may come later. The government is particularly concerned about the expansion of office space in metropolitan centers where occupancy is very high. Government will need more office space

as the defense tempo goes up.

**Material and labor costs** will continue their upward spiral. Unless controls are placed on metals, prices will zoom. Lumber, however, which constitutes 67 per cent of the cost of materials of a typical house, is expected to be in good supply and at lower prices than last year. Lumber prices reached an all time high last fall. In September the price stood at an incredible 3.7 times the level of 1926. This was due entirely to the high activity in residential building. Cement should also be more plentiful and cheaper. At the peak of construction activity last fall, the building material wholesale price index of the Department of Commerce stood at 220, an all time high, (1926 = 100) as compared with 193 in 1949, and 199 in 1948.

Labor rates are creeping upward. Most building trades labor in the Chicago area received a raise of 10 cents an hour last year. Recent settlements in other industries show increases and offers for hourly workers of almost 10 cents an hour.

**Lumber dealers** can expect to sell a lesser volume this year than last. However, lumber and other materials required for 850,000 houses will still result in a large volume of business and should make 1951 one of the ten best years for dealers and builders.





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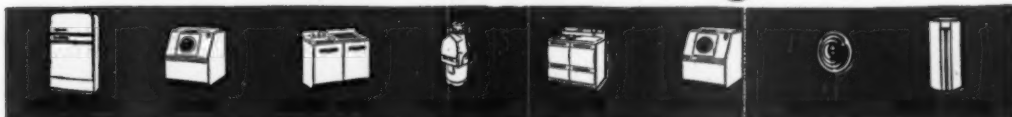
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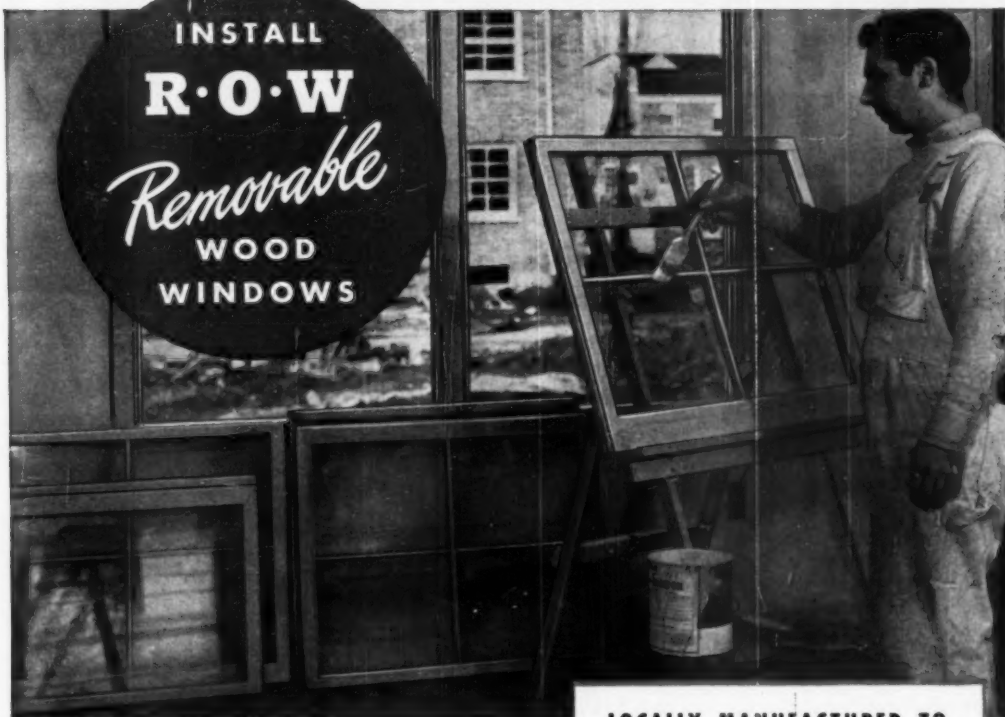
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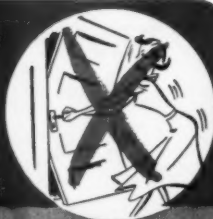


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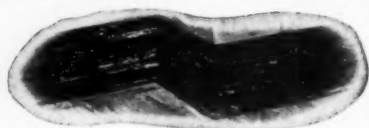
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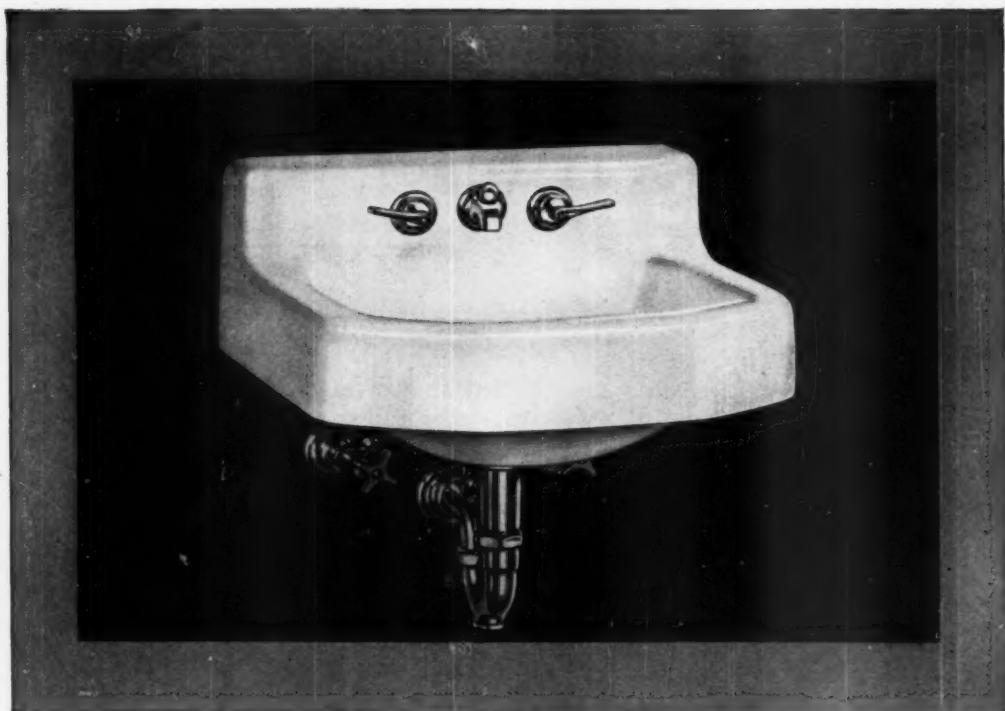
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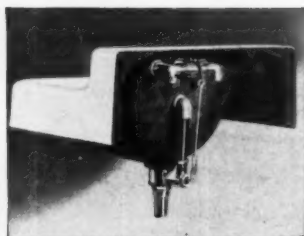
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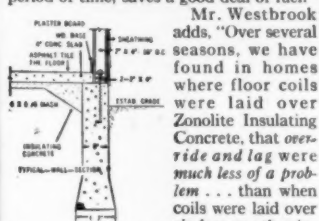
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### RADIANT HEATING SPECIALIST FINDS INSULATING CONCRETE INCREASES EFFICIENCY!

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### Veteran Contractor Tells How He Does Better Plastering with Zonolite!

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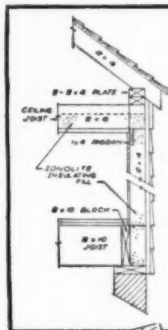
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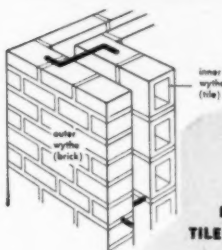
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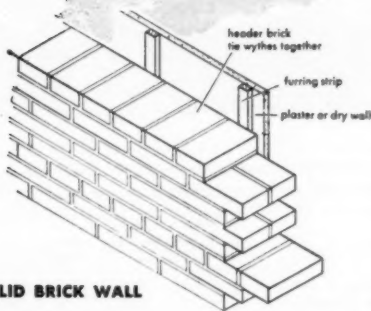
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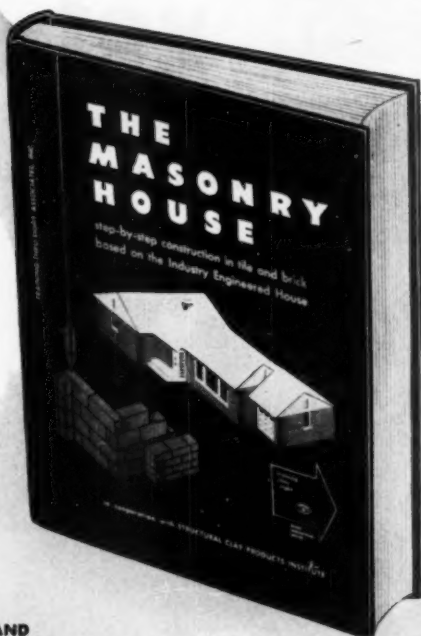
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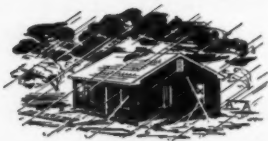
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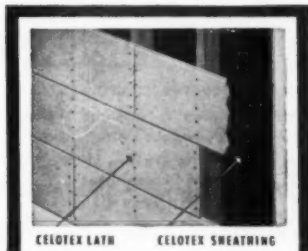
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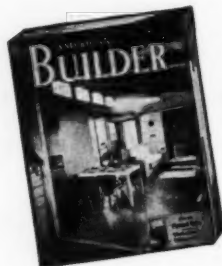
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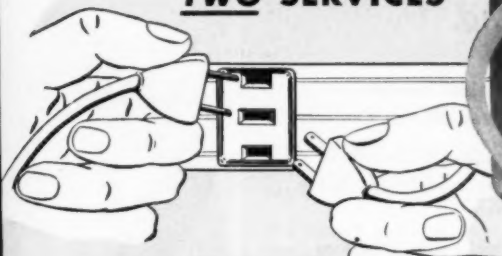
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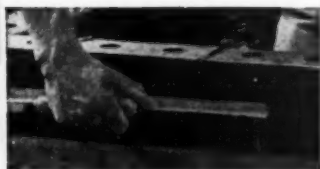
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### NAHB Sees Record Convention Turnout

**High interest in discussions of builders' problems during emergency to spur 1951 attendance**

UNUSUALLY high interest in the portions of the program devoted to analysis of the home building outlook, in the light of current controls, virtually assures a record attendance at the seventh annual convention of the National Association of Home Builders, it has been reported by the group's convention committee.

The industry-wide "town meeting" and products show will be held at the Stevens and Congress hotels, Chicago, January 21-25. Pointed out as other factors in the expected record turnout were the growth of the association during the past year—addition of around 15 new chapters and 3,000 new members—the month-earlier date and an intensive attendance campaign.

Discussion panels, clinics, shop-talk sessions and speeches have all been planned to attempt to give answers to the many difficult problems confronting the business. A group of outstanding authorities will be on hand to discuss regulations and controls.

#### Exposition Open Sunday

The big exposition of building materials and equipment opens Sunday afternoon, January 21, with more than 700 products on display in the exposition hall, foyer and mezzanine of the Stevens

and in the Casino Room of the nearby Congress Hotel.

The showing will include plumbing and heating equipment, lumber and millwork, siding, roofing, insulation, hardware, paints, tools, electrical fixtures, all kinds of metal building products, flooring, tile, glass, kitchen and bathroom equipment and scores of specialty items.

A large percentage of the products shown will be either new or substantially improved models of existing products.

Exhibitors have made elaborate plans to assist builder-delegates at the exposition, sending an estimated 2,000 sales, executive and technical personnel to Chicago to demonstrate and explain their latest products. This is a sharp increase over previous years. Most exhibitors will offer consulting services to builders whereby they will analyze working plans and submit installation and design ideas.

As another service, many manufacturers have arranged to have their distributors, who are familiar with local building problems, augment regular exhibit personnel. Manufacturers will also use the occasion to conduct special sales and merchandising meetings for distributors and dealers who attend the show.

While the primary purpose of the exposition is to help builders in selecting the products they buy, it also helps manufacturers decide what to make. An interesting sidelight of the 1950 show, for example, is the case of a manufacturer of heating equipment who introduced a

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ARRANGING finishing touches for NAHB convention program in New York recently were (seated, left to right): Peggy Raynor, NAHB Washington office; Paul S. Van Auken, convention-exposition director; E. M. Spiegel, convention chairman; Frank W. Cortright, executive vice president; (standing) Walton Onslow and William Molster, NAHB staff

#### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

##### Sunday, Jan. 21

- 1:00 P.M. Exposition Grand Opening Congress Hotel
- 2:30 P.M. Exposition Grand Opening Stevens Hotel

##### Monday, Jan. 22

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Program for Home Builders
- Housing for Minority Groups—a color film presented by Mrs. Velma Grant
- Debate: "Does the House You Build Her Satisfy Mrs. America?"
- 10:00 A.M. First Discussion Groups
- Financing and Management Under 608
- Small Builders Shop-Talk Session
- Earl Smith, Moderator
- Discussion Among Tax Counselors
- First General Session
- Presentation of NAHB officers
- Feature: "Your NAHB Reports for 1950"
- 1:00 P.M. Inspection Tour of Chicago Housing
- 9:30 P.M. Exhibitor's Dance.

##### Tuesday, Jan. 23

- 10:00 A.M. Demonstration: "Man from Mars"
- Second Discussion Groups
- Builders Tax Problems
- Building and Merchandising Homes for \$20,000 and Up
- Defeating Public Housing by Local Referenda
- Low Cost Economy Rental Apartments
- Small Builders Shop-Talk Session—Earl Smith, Moderator
- "Public Relations and Merchandising in 1951"—Fritz Burns
- 1:00 P.M. Inspection Tours of Chicago Housing
- 2:00 P.M. Second General Session
- "Stretching the Supply of Building Materials in 1951"
- 8:00 P.M. Panel: Land Planning

##### Wednesday, Jan. 24

- 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Demonstration: "Man from Mars"
- 10:00 A.M. Third Discussion Groups
- 1. "Simple Bookkeeping and Time and Material Accounting"
- 2. FHA-VA-Federal Reserve Board Questions and Answers
- Small Builders Shop-Talk Session—Earl Smith, Moderator
- Third General Session
- Illustrated Address on Color Textiles West
- Panel: "Better Design for Today's Houses" NAHB-AIA Presentation and NAHB Architectural Forum Contest
- Moderator: Clarke Daniel
- 12:00 M. University Students Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Inspection Tour of Chicago Housing
- 2:00 P.M. Fourth General Session
- Panel: "Status of Housing Construction and Problems of Mortgage Finance"
- Raymond Foley, NFHA
- T. B. King, VA
- Franklin Richards, FHA
- 6:45 P.M. Annual Banquet
- Entertainment by Eddie Carr

##### Thursday, Jan. 25

- 10:00 A.M. "On Stage Press Conference" Retiring and New NAHB Presidents
- Discussion: "Things I Never Knew 'til Now"—Earl Smith
- Dr. H. C. Joseph Haverstick
- Convention Closing by New President
- 1:00 P.M. Inspection Tour of Chicago Housing



## Dealer's Viewpoint

H. R. NORTHUP, Executive Vice President,  
National Retail Lumber Dealers Association

### New Dealer Product Data Book

If, as practically everyone believes, there is to be a definite buyers' market for many building materials in 1951, the Dealer's Product Data Book about to be offered by N.R.L.D.A. and the Producers' Council is a most timely development.

Many manufacturers claim that retail lumber and building materials dealers don't do a very effective job of selling building products across the counter. And a good many dealers say that most manufacturers haven't done too good a job of providing dealers' salesmen with the right sort of selling information.

The new Data Book, which will be offered to dealers at approximate cost through their 32 State and Regional Associations, was developed for the express purpose of correcting both deficiencies. It will consist of a loose-leaf binder filled with product data sheets supplied by participating manufacturers. Additional data sheets and revised sheets will be issued from time to time to keep the Data Book up-to-date as a continuing service.

Developed over a period of two years by N.R.L.D.A.'s Products Data Committee, the Data Book is a well-planned project aimed at giving the dealer and his salesmen basic, factual sales data in com-

pact, convenient form. The emphasis is on FACTS which will tell the salesman what he needs to know about the uses, properties, packaging, etc., of the products he sells, so that he can give his customers accurate, complete information in a minimum of time.

The Data Book falls into a promotional category which has been greatly neglected. It is not intended to sell dealers on the desirability and profit possibilities of carrying individual products. That job is left to the business press.

Instead, the Data Book is intended to facilitate the sale of products once the dealer has accepted them as part of his line.

The Data Book is fully indexed for convenient reference and will contain in one place a wealth of essential data which often is not available in the sales department or else is scattered in a dozen locations when the salesman needs it.

With renewed emphasis on selling and the prospect of losing a good many younger employees to the armed forces, the retail lumber and building materials industry will find this new sales aid a welcome and valuable tool for training new employees and making more effective salesmen of the others. It will be available about February 1.

## Hoo-Hoo Officers Named at Convention

Elected Snark of the Universe at the 59th annual convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, was Lynn Boyd of Pampa, Texas, a member of the executive committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association and a former president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas.

Members of the Supreme Nine are Supreme Hoo-Hoo Robert J. Stalker, Quincy, Mass.; Senior Hoo-Hoo Harry B. Weiss, Memphis, Tenn.; Junior Hoo-Hoo Martin J. McDonald, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada; Scrivenor John B. Egan, St. Paul, Minn.; Bojum John H. Dolcater, Tampa, Fla.; Jahberwock Edwin F. Fischer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Custocatian Dave Davis, San Francisco, Calif.; Arcanoper Arthur H. Geiger, Tacoma, Wash.; and Gurdon Clifford Schorling, North Kansas City, Mo.

## Plan Committee to Probe Frauds in Building

A plan to form a builders' investigation committee, to work with a recently-created Michigan state senate study committee for the purpose of safeguarding home buyers against operators who have shown they work by unethical standards, has been announced by John Weinhart, president of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

According to Weinhart it is contemplated that the investigation group will be composed of representatives of all components of the home building business—builders, realtors, credit agencies, lumber and material dealers, subcontractors, labor and government agencies.

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## Laurels from the Ladies



THREE WINNERS of awards for exceptional service to South Texas Builders Association receive them from women guests of group at annual Frolic in Corpus Christi. From left: C. B. Layton, vice president and entertainment co-chairman; Mrs. Joe Holland; Mrs. Margaret Lindsey; L. V. Bert, director; Mrs. Barbara Crook; and Floyd Burt, entertainment chairman. At microphone is A. J. McCall, group president. Awards are made twice a year

## Clay Products Institute Picks 1951 Officers

C. Forrest Tefft, Columbus, Ohio, was elected president of the Structural Clay Products Institute at the recent annual convention in Colorado Springs, Colo. Completing the new officer roster are L. S. Meyer, St. Louis, vice president; George Gammie, Chicago, treasurer; and Joseph J. Cermak, Washington, D.C., secretary. Tefft, who is president of the Claycraft Co. in Columbus, succeeds W. J. Goodwing of Des Moines, Iowa.

## Woodwork Jobbers Elect

Carl G. Horn of the Iroquois Millwork Corp., Albany, N. Y., was re-elected president of the Woodwork Jobbers Service Bureau at the 1950 annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. Other officers are A. J. Jordan, Jordan Millwork Co., Sioux Falls, S. D., vice president; Phil Hill, Harbor Plywood Corp., Chicago, treasurer; and Adolph Pfund, secretary.

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## New Chicago President



**E. C. MAHONEY**, former vice president, was named president of the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association, succeeding A. O. Aldrich, at the annual election meeting Dec. 7. Other officers for the new year are: Vice Presidents Martin H. Braun, J. T. Schless (re-elected), Cornelius Teninga and Harry L. Nathansen. Secretary C. E. Blomgren and Treasurer Morton Robbins.

## 1951 Leaders Named by Hartford Association

Dean A. Caudill was elected president of the Home Builders Association of Hartford County, Conn., succeeding Arthur Oleson, at the group's recent annual meeting for induction of new officers. A record member attendance of 135 was set at the session, at which Thomas P. Coogan, president of the National Association of Home Builders, and Irving R. Stich, NAHB regional vice president, were guests.

Also named to lead the Hartford group in 1951 were Joseph M. Howard, first vice president; C. Oscar Carlson, second vice president; Howard L. Menzel, secretary; and Carl E. Larsen. Directors are Patsy R. Ambrose, Robert Hopkins, Aage Jespersen, Edward T. Murphy, Samuel Walters, Justin R. Tucker and Joseph Slobin.

Prior to the meeting, at which he spoke and led a question and answer session, National President Coogan visited a number of building projects in the area.

## New Officers Named by Wisconsin State Group

E. B. A. Sokoloski of Madison was elected president of the Wisconsin Builders' Association at a recent meeting in Milwaukee. Other officers for the 1951 term are Charles W. George, Milwaukee, vice president; Glenn D. Webermeier, Beloit, secretary; and John Parmentier, Kenosha, treasurer.

Named to the board of directors were: Tom McGovern, G. J. Goucher and Jim Imhoff, Madison; R. A. Lainey, Sid Dwyer and Harris K. Evans, Milwaukee; La Verne Burmeister, Janesville; Richard Hansen, Kenosha; H. M. Grommes, Beloit; E. A. Precourt, Oshkosh; E. A. Luech, Watertown; and Joseph Callaway, La Crosse.

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## Cortright's Column

FRANK W. CORTRIGHT, Executive Vice President, National Association of Home Builders of the United States



### 608 Program an Outstanding Success

In my many visits to different parts of this country in the past few weeks I have heard unfortunate rumors regarding the status of this Nation's program of rental housing—that built under Section 608 of Title VI, as administered by the Federal Housing Administration. The rumor mongers would have the country overbuilt in rental housing, with hundreds of projects in default and the taxpayers taking a licking. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This type of controversy, based on thin-air assumptions, can do much harm to public confidence in the FHA. The rumors should be dispelled for what they are—just unfounded rumors.

Actually, the 608 program has been one of astounding success, thoughtfully planned and ably administered. Both the private builder and the FHA can be immensely proud of the record. When you think back to the vast number of problems involved, the record is even more remarkable.

Emerging from a long, hard-fought war, in which very little private housing was permitted to be erected for nearly five years, the nation faced a drastic shortage of both rental and for sale units in 1945. Emergency measures were needed to provide good housing—FAST. Section 608 was set up to stimulate rapid construction and provide the needed housing. The program was emergency in nature, but the resulting construction was something that will stand for generations to come. Let's review for a moment what has been done along these rental lines. Has this immense rental housing program been mishandled? Absolutely not!

There has been the unbelievable volume of over 6,500 DIFFERENT rental projects erected so far under Section 608. These 6,500 projects contained over 400,000 separate apartments, enough to house an estimated two million persons comfortably! And keep in your mind that these projects were erected in a time of crisis, when emergencies were the order of the day, when speed was the byword and "Get the veterans housed" was heard constantly at every corner.

For the first time one is able to review the progress and achievements made under this program. How many projects are in default as of today? Out of the huge number of 6,500 projects, a mere 1.28 per cent are in default! This is all the more remarkable when one considers that the program was so emergency in nature. This 1.28 per cent contains about 5,000 units, or about 1/80th of the total built!

Most of the unfavorable publicity which the 608 program has received has been based on defaults of 608's in one resort area. These have been few and far between in the light of projects insured. In fact, as of right now, FHA has had to take back only 36 projects over the country by foreclosure—only 36 projects out of 6,500, a total of 5,200 units.

The 608 program is a successful one. The record shows that. It is important that everyone understand the success attained by this program. With the Communist threat getting stronger every day, and our defense muscles flexing more rapidly, it will again be necessary to erect emergency rental housing. It is urgent that similar financing vehicles be available to private enterprise to spur such housing. Congress and the public will be much easier to sell on the merits of such financing if full information on the success of the 608 program is made public and fully understood.

## Chicago Builder Secretary Named FNMA Manager

John P. McCollum, formerly executive secretary of the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association, has been appointed manager of the Chicago office of the Federal National Mortgage Association.



John P. McCollum

McCollum has had years of experience in both private real estate and building and government work, in which he served with the Home Owners Loan Agency and as deputy regional representative of the National Housing Agency.

Commenting on the appointment, Martin C. Huggett, executive vice president of the Chicago builder group, said:

"What appears to be a loss to our staff operations may prove of benefit to our banker and builder members, since the purchase and handling of government-insured mortgages is the chief business of FNMA. We are glad to have a friend and former close associate in such a strategic position."

## 30-Day College Courses Prove Value to Dealers

For the fifth straight year, the 30-day courses for employees of retail lumber and building material dealers are making a major contribution toward industry training and efficiency, the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association reports.

Developed by NRLDA's educational department from a training program originally set up by the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association of Seattle, 17 of these classes have already been scheduled in 14 colleges and universities for the current school year.

Subject matter of the course is divided into three groups: product subjects, in which properties and uses of the various species of lumber and of most major building materials are analyzed; general business topics, including advertising, business records and bookkeeping, business law, writing of business letters, credits and collections, mortgage financing, insurance, pricing and purchasing, selling and store and yard arrangement; and construction and estimating subjects, which cover blueprint reading, design and construction, estimating and farm structures.

Prior to the present school year, some 4,000 employees from 3,000 yards had completed 89 of the 30-day courses.

## New York State Group Formed



LOOKING OVER constitution and by-laws of newly-formed New York State Home Builders Association at organization meeting in Albany are (from left) Leonard L. Frank, president of the Long Island Home Builders Institute; Albert Bartlett, Syracuse, president of new group; Joseph Entress, Rochester, vice president; and Leo P. Byrnes, Albany, secretary. Oscar R. Giesecke, Buffalo, (not in picture) is new state treasurer. The state association was organized by delegates from local chapters in Long Island, Westchester, Albany, Schenectady, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Elmira and Binghamton.

## Get a BOOT out of Winning



GOAL OF 100 PER CENT has been set in new membership drive by Home Builders Association of Schenectady, N.Y. Pictured here with cowboy boots, souvenir of the recent Texas meeting of NAHB directors, are (sitting) Ralph Palmer, left, and Vince Popolizio, captains of the competing "Hammer" and "Saw" teams; (standing) Lou Lafforthun, association executive secretary; William Priess, president; Bryant Kolner, chairman, membership committee; Thomas Wysocki, vice president; and Frank Cimo, treasurer. Winning team will retain possession of both boots and be treated to dinner by association. One year-old NAHB affiliate now has 53 members, started with a registration of 15.

## Regulation X Effects Probed by Texas City

A survey by the South Texas Home Builders Association, Corpus Christi, of the last 100 loans made by 10 local mortgage companies revealed that, on the basis of verified cash on hand, only 39 per cent of borrowers would have qualified had Regulation X been in effect.

Analysis of the 1,000 loans showed 51 per cent of the borrowers had less than \$1,000 in cash, 21 per cent had from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and 18 per cent had over \$2,000.

Of the homes on which loans had been made, 74 per cent cost less than \$10,000, 12 per cent cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and 4 per cent had price tags of more than \$20,000.



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### 21. O'BRIEN PAINTS

O'BRIEN CORP.

### 22. RAMUC ENAMEL FOR POOLS

INERTOL, INC.

### SANITARY EQUIPMENT

#### A. PLUMBING

### 23. CRANE DREXEL LAVATORY

CRANE CO.

Featured in this issue is the Crane Drexel Lavatory in Persian Red. This color is ideal for modern powder rooms. All Crane fixtures are available in white and eight exclusive Crane colors. A wide range of plumbing is available to suit every taste and every budget.

### 24. ELJER FINE PLUMBING FIXTURES

CRANE CO.

#### B. GARBAGE DISPOSERS

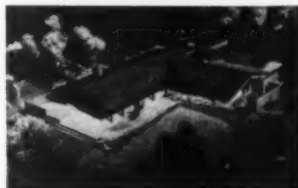
### 25. G-E DISPOSALL

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.

### 26. IN-SINK-ERATOR FOOD WASTE DISPOSER

IN-SINK-ERATOR MFG. CO.

IN-SINK-ERATOR, the original Food Waste Disposer with famous Reversing Action, is telling millions of homemakers about its extra advantages via full page color advertising. The convenience and efficiency of safe Continuous Feeding . . . the superiority of Reversing Action . . . the proved dependability since 1928 are highlighted. Write In-Sink-Erator Mfg. Co., Racine, Wisconsin for builders data.



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### HEATING

### 27. B & G HYDRO-FLO HEATING

BELL & GOSSETT

### 28. BURNHAM BASE-RAY RADIANT HEATING

BURNHAM CORP.

### 23. CRANE BASEBOARD HEATING

CRANE CO.

### 29. DELCO-HEAT CONDITIONAIR DELCO APPLIANCE DIVISION

GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

New homes sell better when they're equipped with Delco-Heat! The Delco-Heat Conditionair with exclusive "Rotapower" Oil Burner automatically heats, cleans, humidifies and circulates the air. Delco-Heat makes automatic heating equipment for oil fuels, oil heating systems, all sizes of homes. Write for literature, Delco Appliance Division, Rochester 1, N. Y.

### 30. DELCO-HEAT CONVERSION OIL BURNER

DELCO APPLIANCE DIVISION  
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

### 31. DELCO-HEAT OIL-FIRED CONDITIONAIR

DELCO-APPLIANCE DIVISION  
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

### 32. HEATILATOR FIREPLACE UNIT

HEATILATOR, INC.

### 33. LP WINKLER OIL BURNER

U.S. MACHINE CORP.

### 35. MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL THERMOSTATS

MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL  
REGULATOR CORP.

### 36. MODINE CONVECTOR RADIATION

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### 38. WILLIAMS OIL-O-MATIC OIL BURNERS

WILLIAMS OIL-O-MATIC DIVISION  
EUREKA-WILLIAMS CORP.

### 39. YOUNG RADIATORS

YOUNG RADIATOR CORP.

Young runs an ad showing "How To Eliminate Drafts From Picture Windows." We also point out how Convector can be used to harmonize with interior decorating of the room.

### MAJOR APPLIANCES

#### 40. HAMILTON AUTO. CLOTHES DRYER

HAMILTON MFG. CO.

#### 44. ST. CHARLES KITCHENS

ST. CHARLES MFG. CO.

#### 41. YOUNGSTOWN KITCHENS

MULLINS MFG. CO.

"World's Newest Kitchen Ideas—priced right for you!" includes greatest helpers ever, from Youngstown Kitchens. Beautiful new timesaving units, including revolutionary Youngstown Kitchens Jet-Tower Dishwasher, that completely modernizes dishwashing, keeps homes you build modern for years to come. By Mullins Manufacturing Corporation, World's Largest Makers of Steel Kitchens.

### HOME ELEVATORS

#### 42. SEDGWICK RESIDENCE ELEVATORS

SEDGWICK MACHINE WORKS

#### 43. SHEPARD HomeLIFT & EscalIFT

SHEPARD ELEVATOR CO.

### HAIRDWARE

#### 45. NATIONAL TUTCH LATCH

NATIONAL LOCK CO.

National Tutch Latch is a new innovation in cabinet hardware. Easily applied to interior of wood cabinets. It opens cabinet doors with touch of finger, wrist or elbow. When door is closed, latch holds securely. Beauty, convenience and low cost are described as outstanding features. National Lock Co., Rockford, Illinois.

### MISC. EQUIPMENT

#### 34. MAJESTIC INDOOR INCINERATOR

MAJESTIC COMPANY

### LIGHTING

#### \* KLOZ-A-LITE

SLATER APPLIANCES

### FENCES

#### 46. DUBOIS WOVEN WOOD FENCE

DUBOIS FENCE & GARDEN CO., INC.

#### 47. RUSTICRAFT WOVEN PICKET FENCES

RUSTICRAFT FENCE CO.

### GARDENING

#### A. SEEDS, BUSHES, FERTILIZERS, ETC.

#### 48. BURPEE FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS

W. ATLEE BURPEE CO.

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#### 49. DOWFLAKE

DOW CHEMICAL CO.

#### \* JACKSON & PERKINS CATALOGUE OF ROSES

JACKSON & PERKINS

Jackson & Perkins, World's Largest Rose Growers, feature their Spring 1951 Catalog in the February issue of House Beautiful. This new Catalog, which is sent free, describes and illustrates—in full color—hundreds of the world's finest roses. Be sure to see the advertisement and send for your free copy.

#### 50. JACKSON & PERKINS CHRYSANTHEMUMS

JACKSON & PERKINS

Six brand-new September-blooming Chrysanthemums are now being offered by Jackson & Perkins, the world's largest rose growers. These are all hardy, large flowered, early blooming "mums" with excellent plant habits. All guaranteed to live and bloom. Be the first in your neighborhood to display the new. Only \$1.00 each.

#### \* PREMIER PEAT MOSS

PREMIER PEAT MOSS CORP.

#### 51. SCOTT'S LAWN CARE PRODUCTS

O. M. SCOTT & SONS

Most folks are looking forward to Spring, and thousands are already planning their lawn improvements with the help of LAWN CARE. A free 2 year subscription to these know-how bulletins is offered by Scotts. Display Scotts Seed and Turf Builder now for those who want to benefit by early seeding and feeding.

### B. EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

#### 52. CLINTON ENGINES

CLINTON MACHINE CO.

#### 53. MOTO-MOWER POWER MOWERS

MOTO MOWER COMPANY

The Moto-Mower Company announces that the new 1951 models of "Moto Mower" and "Scout" will be supplied with a "Weed Tapper" as optional equipment. "Weed Tapper" is the first fundamental improvement in power lawn mowing, greatly reducing time consumed in trimming weeds.

#### \* ORLYT GREENHOUSES

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Mr. Donald Orth

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*Cabinets beat making them ourselves."*

Mr. Donald Orth  
Orth Construction Co.  
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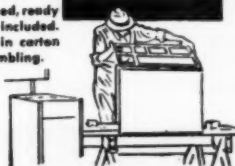
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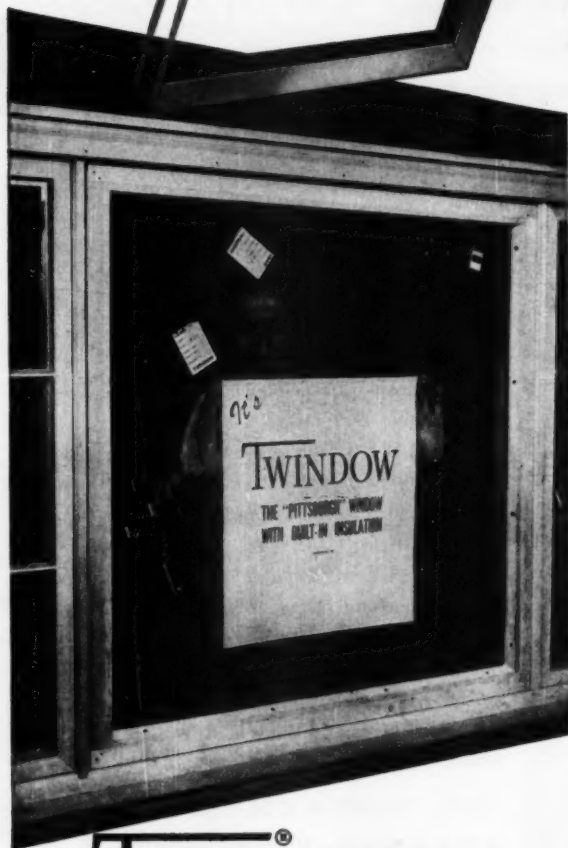


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## Letters to the Editor

### 100 Per Cent Renewal

Sirs: We are enclosing our list of subscribers to the *American Builder*. You will note two names have been cancelled, five new added. In checking with the contractors receiving the *American Builder* through our firm, we find them 100 per cent for renewing the subscription and in a few cases they also wanted to know how and where they could become subscribers if we discontinued this service. This is a compliment to you and the *American Builder* for doing a fine job.

Alvin S. Johnson  
Standard Lumber Yards, Inc.,  
Green Bay, Wis.

### Liked Insulation Issue

Sirs: We were very interested in the complete insulation and ventilation article in the September, 1950, issue of the *American Builder*. This is as complete a treatment on the whole question as we have seen without hunting from page to page through technical books.

J. S. Watson,  
Valley Lumber Yards Ltd.,  
New Westminster, B. C.

### New Subscriber

Sirs: I saw your June 1950 issue and am very enthusiastic over the way you covered the subject of cement and concrete. I consider it the most interesting and informative article I've ever seen on the subject. Would you send me your June, 1950, issue along with a year's subscription. If you cannot send me this back issue, would you please let me know where I can get it?

Jos. Cihlar  
Cihlar Concrete Products,  
West Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

### Precast Floor Units

Sirs: In your June issue of *American Builder* you have "A Report On Cement." Included in this report on page 97 are pictures of precast floor units. I would appreciate it if you will tell me where these are made. Thank you.

Edward J. Fitzgerald,  
Winsted, Conn.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Photographs on page 97, June, 1950 issue, *American Builder*, show Flexicore units. You may obtain further information about them by writing to The Flexicore Co., Inc., P. O. Box 825, 1932 E. Monument Ave., Dayton 1, Ohio.

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### Warm Idea For Cold Floors

Sirs: Your excellent article on insulation appearing in the September, 1950 issue prompts me to present a problem to you. Last year I completed . . . a one story ranch type home with a partial basement. I left several large openings from the basement area to the unexcavated area so that there could be some circulation of warm air. While carpeted surfaces do not present any problem, two of the bedrooms and a playroom have either linoleum or rubber tile over the oak floor and these surfaces are uncomfortably cold for my children because it would take considerably more heat in the basement to reach the unexcavated areas effectively. I wonder if you would be in a position to advise me how to overcome this problem. . . .

A Detroit Builder

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We assume the area you speak of as unexcavated is in reality a crawl space, since you mention having left several large openings from the basement into this area for circulation of warm air. The problem you are confronted with is dampness coming up through the ground of the crawl space, offsetting and completely minimizing the value of any heat which might be forced into this area. If it is at all possible it would be better to place a bed of sand upon the present ground of the crawl space then a moisture barrier over the sand, and then a two-inch concrete slab on top of the moisture barrier. This will help seal this area from dampness that otherwise penetrates into it. Warm air being forced into that area would then heat the underside of the floor. If this is not possible then a good grade of mass insulation should be secured to the underside of the floor joists. This will permit warm air in the room to warm the floor.

Several readers have asked about winners of the 1950 Architectural Contest For Women Students sponsored by *American Builder* and the National Association of Home Builders. A recent report from Sonia Albert, 1950 Second Prize winner, is a partial answer. Miss Albert, recently returned from architectural study in Stockholm, Sweden, is now working for Architect Edward D. Stone in New York City. We wish her every success.

—The Editor

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# "It's the realistic way



**Mr. J. P. Lenny**, President of J. P. Lenny Co., Runnemede, N. J., says:

"Credit restrictions will make the market more competitive . . . impose upon the builder the necessity of producing a product that will invite eager consumer acceptance.

"In planning our new 1951 'Cinderella Homes' we intend to emphasize the use of General Electric Kitchens.

"We used G-E appliances during 1950, and sold 55 of our 137 houses on opening day!"



**Mr. M. T. Broyhill** made his own private survey in Washington, D. C. to find out what people wanted most. He says:

"83% of the people interviewed said they wanted a General Electric Kitchen. So we built 1000 G-E equipped houses—and sold all of them within 60 days."

Mr. Broyhill also reports: "During 1951 it's more important than ever that we give house-hunters what they want.

"We wouldn't think of not including the G-E Kitchens."



**Mr. Frank F. Sebastian**, President and Director of Arden Manor Investment Co., Sacramento, Cal., says:

"All 2200 homes in the Arden Manor Community are to be completely equipped with General Electric Kitchens and Laundries.

"More than ever, this major feature gives our homes a distinct advantage over others selling in the same price field.

"We think it's the realistic way to sell houses in 1951."



**Mr. H. R. Houck** of Houck Realty Co., Houston, Texas, says:

"We sold 170 houses equipped with G-E Kitchens during 1950. This year we again plan on featuring G-E Kitchens because we know it gives our homes an edge over others in about the same price bracket."

**Mr. Arthur Oman** of Arthur Oman & Sons, Inc., Brockton, Mass., says:

"During 1950 we included G-E Kitchens in our Brook Hill Development houses. We sold 125 houses in just 10 days! Naturally, we expect to capitalize on our success with G-E Kitchens during 1951."





**Mr. Thomas P. Coogan**, President of the National Assn. of Home Builders, states:

"I have been particularly pleased with the General Electric appliances installed in our exclusive Bal Harbour Manor.

"We all know that considerably greater selling effort will be required during the coming year. And the builders who will profit most are those who use initiative and imagination."



# to sell Houses in '51"



**Mr. Michel Randal** of Randal Associates is planning to include General Electric appliances in his new 350-home project at Richmond Park, Bethpage, Long Island, N. Y.

"In selling houses these next 12 months," says Mr. Randal, "the General Electric Kitchen can be a more potent selling tool than ever!

"We're looking forward to offering these excellent, all-electric appliances in our homes!"

**WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU** that fewer houses will be built this year.

*But the fact remains that hundreds of thousands of houses will be built and sold during 1951.*

And, the houses that will sell the *fastest* in this more competitive market will be the very type that sold fastest during 1950 . . . houses with all-electric living . . . houses with the efficient General Electric Kitchen-Laundry!

**MORE THAN EVER—  
IT PAYS TO FEATURE  
THE GENERAL ELECTRIC  
KITCHEN-LAUNDRY**

**1951 Planners from St. Louis, Wichita and other cities also agree . . .**

**Mr. N. R. Schuermann** of St. Louis, Mo., says:

"Last year more than 7000 came to see our house on opening day and 109 bought. We sold over 500 houses equipped with General Electric Kitchens.

"During 1951 the home with the General Electric Kitchen will have even a greater appeal and advantage over others in a

similar price range."

Other successful builders from Wichita, Terre Haute, Chicago, and other areas also agree with Mr. Schuermann's basic views.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Since considerably greater selling effort will be required for your houses during 1951, why not put General Electric on your selling team?

**SEE  
NEXT TWO  
PAGES FOR  
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# Which plan will you



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# offer home buyers?

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People must have a refrigerator and a range to live in your house. Just to buy a refrigerator and a range, under present credit regulations, would cost them about \$25.50 a month over and above their regular mortgage payments.

On the other hand, you can give them a complete General Electric Kitchen for only \$5.94 a month! Which plan will you offer home buyers?



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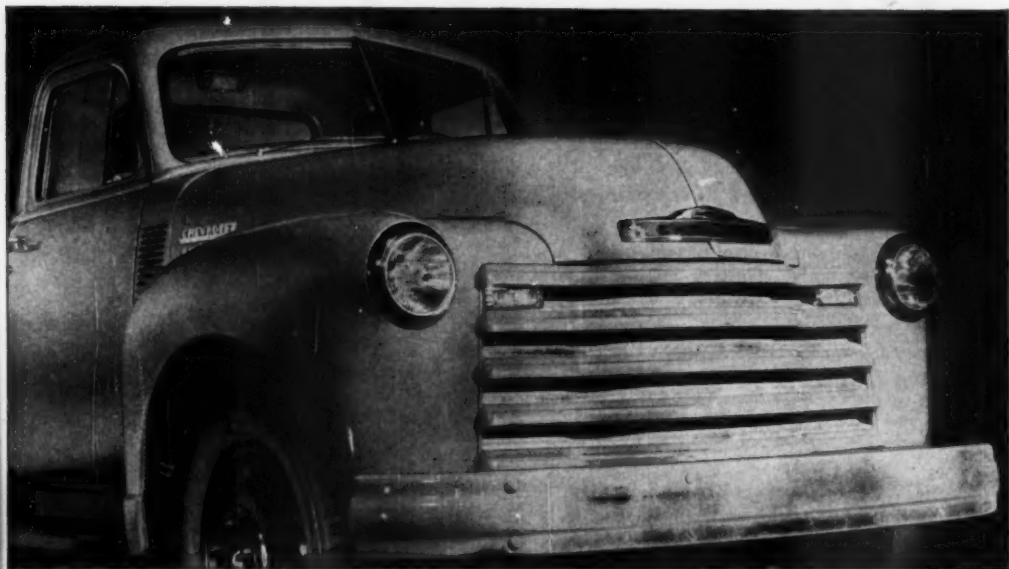
General Electric planning experts will be glad to talk with you about your 1951 projects at the Chicago Convention.

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Our Architectural Consulting Service, we believe, can be of great assistance to you in designing and improving kitchens and layouts for your houses.

So make it a point to bring your house plans to Chicago. However, if you can't be at the Convention, contact your G-E Distributor, or address a note to us and we'll see that you receive all the facts you need. Home Bureau, General Electric Company, Bridgeport 2, Connecticut.

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contributions to trucking in Chevrolet's Dual-Shoe parking brake, the new Ventipanes, and Chevrolet's new cab seats . . . the very tops for riding comfort! See your Chevrolet dealer and take a good look at these 1951 Chevrolet trucks at your first opportunity. The "best in the business" are better than ever today! Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corp., Detroit 2, Mich.

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# On and Off the Record



News, Views and Comments

**HARDSHIP CASES**—The hardship clause of Section 5(g) of Regulation X is not working. A number of cases have been referred to this office, but local authorities simply point to Section 6(b), and state that it is not possible at this time to rule on anything outside that section.

**SECTION 6(b)**—This is the one that provides exceptions where certain commitments were made prior to Nov. 11, this year. No other regulations defining or applying to hardship cases had been issued as of Nov. 16.

**SECTION 5(g)**—At the moment the section is meaningless and useless. Suggestions have been made that an appeals board or something similar to it be set up for considering cases which might come under the section. The system used under the priorities system has been cited as precedent.

**VA**—The administrator has granted exception to the credit restrictions where two types of conditions prevail.

**THE FIRST**—Units to be purchased on land where the builder "made a substantial installation of permanent improvements." Such improvements would include streets, curbs, and sewer and water installations, or the delivery of "substantial amounts of materials on the site."

**DETERMINATION**—What constitutes "substantial installation of permanent improvements" will be determined by the local loan guaranty officer, and application for exception will require an affidavit from the builder. VA had the concurrence of HHFA in making the ruling.

**THE SECOND**—Where an application for an FHA commitment was filed before Oct. 12. VA requires proof in the form of a letter from FHA or a copy of the FHA commitment.

**BOTH TYPES**—Exception to credit restrictions in either type of case may be made only if there was exemption from FHA restrictions of July 19 or VA credit restrictions of the same date.

**COST INCREASES**—VA loans thus exempted from the July 19 re-

striction require no down payment, but if there is an established cost increase over the July 1 level, the increase must be paid in cash by the purchaser.

**M4**—This regulation, in the main, prohibits the construction of all types of amusement or recreational structures.

**DELIVERIES**—It should be noted by suppliers that section 22.6 of Regulation M4 provides that, "No person shall accept an order for, sell, deliver, or cause to be delivered material, equipment or supplies which he knows, or has reason to believe, will be used in violation of the provisions of this part."

**CO-OPS**—Via Gene Ebersole's bulletin comes word from Charles Callo-way of Canadian, Texas, that "The Equity Exchange, which is the largest business in Perryton (Tex.) and one of the largest grain dealers in Texas, has just voted through its 600 stockholders to relinquish its Federal Income Tax exemption allowed the firm as a co-operative." Equity Exchange own nine elevators in Texas and three in Oklahoma.

**ANOTHER**—Last August, according to Gene, the Union Equity of Enid, Okla., voted to do the same thing.

**QUIGG**—The editor of Wood Industries Weekly. He writes that builders in Washington, D.C. expect to build more one-family units in 1951 than in 1950, but expect total of all types to drop from 29,000 to 23,000. It's an interesting estimate.

**DOLLAR VOLUME**—This statement from Washington, plus the factors which determined *American Builder's* estimate of total home building starts in 1951, indicate that while unit volume may fall as much as 35 to 40 per cent, dollar volume may fall only as little as 10 per cent.

**OBJECT TO M4**—New York Building Congress strongly objected to M4, and asked revocation of regulation in its entirety. Called definition of "commence construction" a threat to construction industry. Stated that no one can safely plan any construction while regulation is in force.

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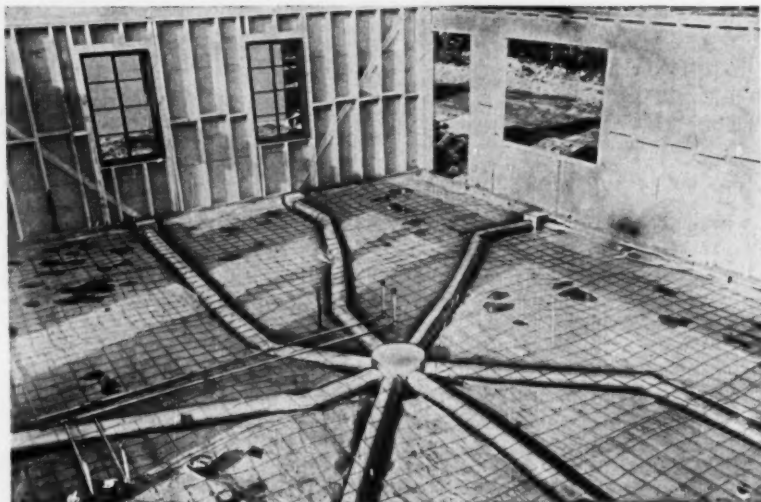
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# TECHNICAL GUIDE for Builders and Craftsmen



**PERIMETER HEATING**  
system using radial distribution. Drum-shaped warm air distribution pit in center serves as hub of system. Feeders conduct air to registers

## Perimeter Warm Air Heating

**T**HE INTRODUCTION and rapid growth of basement-less house construction in the northern area of the United States, together with the prevailing types that include basements, has posed a number of design problems for the warm air heating industry. Some of the problems are due to minor mechanical failures, while others arise from chronic discomfort caused by chilly floors, drafts, temperature differences within a room, and failure of a system to respond quickly to weather changes.

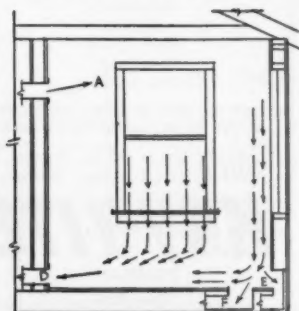
Engineering research has demonstrated that proper construction methods are as important to heating comfort as the design, layout and installation of the heating system. As the system becomes more and more integrated with the structural elements, as in the basementless house, it is neces-

sary that the builder and engineer co-ordinate their efforts in achieving comfort heating.

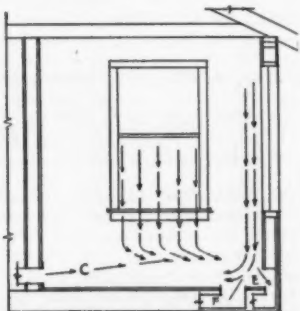
It has been found that the secret of heating a house comfortably is to add just enough warmth to replace the heat which is lost. It is well to remember that the outer wall areas, together with the windows and doors which are directly exposed to the colder outside temperatures, will lose heat more rapidly than the inside walls.

The following table indicates the per cent of heat loss and the heat loss location in a typical one-story house, either with or without a basement, when outside temperature falls below the comfort level:

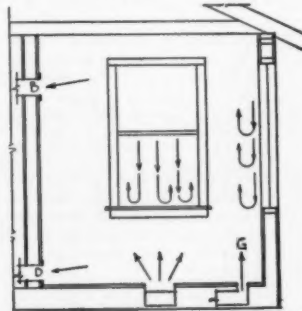
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**HIGH WALL delivery at A with return at D, E, or F. Cold air travels down to floor**



**LOW WALL delivery at C with return at E or F. Works if warm air can reach wall**



**PERIMETER floor delivery at G with return at B or D. Warm air covers windows**

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### Perimeter Heating Continued

Heat Loss Location	Per cent of Total Heat Loss
Ceiling	13.2
Floor	7.8
Outside Walls*	30.0
Doors*	16.4
Windows*	32.6

\*Note that 79 per cent of the total heat loss occurs at these three points.

Since 79 per cent of the loss occurs at the perimeter of the house, it is obvious that most of the heat should be supplied at that point. The principle of supplying heat at the point of heat loss recognizes the effect of cold temperatures at outside walls, windows and doors, which account for almost 100 per cent of the complaints with regard to discomfort.

#### Non-perimeter Heating

When heat is not delivered at the perimeter of the house, the following conditions occur:

1. Air in contact with the outside walls becomes chilled.
2. As it is chilled, it becomes heavier and drops like a waterfall.
3. As chilled air reaches the floor it spreads across the room and begins to rise.
4. The floors and living level (the lower half) of the rooms become chilly and drafty, though the room thermostat may be satisfied or raised to a wastefully high temperature.
5. Body radiation to outside walls, windows and doors has a direct cooling effect on the occupants.

It is evident that the waterfall of cool air at the perimeter must be stopped before comfort can prevail. This can be accomplished by using the fundamental law of physics which states that as air is heated it becomes lighter in weight. Hence: warm air rises. By supplying warm air at the perimeter of the house, and also by

discharging it upward, the waterfall of cold air can be stopped. Outside walls, windows and doors are warmed sufficiently to eliminate excessive body radiation to these surfaces.

It is important to recognize the timetable of heat loss. Windows are, by several hours, the first areas to begin losing heat when the outside temperature begins to drop. It is only logical, therefore, to deliver warm air through the ducts in the floor, or under the floor and discharge it vertically beneath windows. Heat is then replaced as fast as it is lost, and at the points where the highest percentage of loss occurs.

#### Perimeter Heating

This method of heat distribution provides heat at the sources of heat loss in the following manner:

1. Ceiling: Warm air rising from lower room levels nullifies the effects of ceiling loss.
2. Floor: The floor is warmed by heat lost from the ducts installed below the surface.
3. Outside walls and doors: Warmth from the mildly radiant floors and circulation of warm room air, offsets heat loss through outside walls and doors.
4. Windows: The combined effects of high rates of heat loss from surfaces and infiltration are offset by a current of warm air rising vertically at the window surfaces, preventing the normal downdraft of cold air from spreading across a room.

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**WATERPROOF** membrane covers the area within foundations and extends on side to slab top



**ALL JOINTS** of waterproof membrane should be lapped and sealed with waterproof sealer



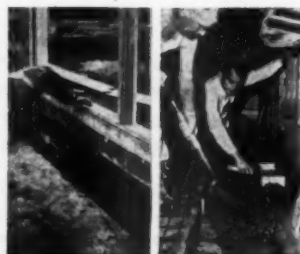
**PERIMETER** system with loop distribution. Feeder duct runs to "T" connection



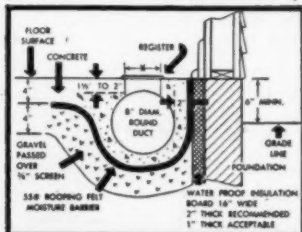
**REINFORCING MESH** in slab and over ducts adds strength to thin part of slab



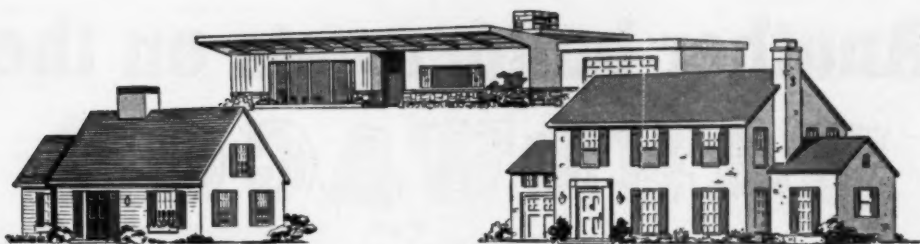
**CONCRETE MIX** poured over membrane should be dry. Planking protects ducts when pouring



**EDGE INSULATION** in position at wall 2 inches thick. Concrete to completely encircle wall ducts



**CROSS SECTION** details of construction units for properly installed perimeter duct



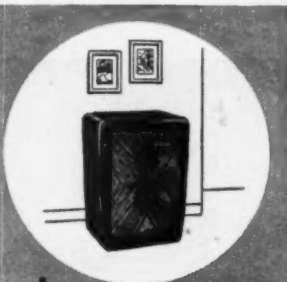
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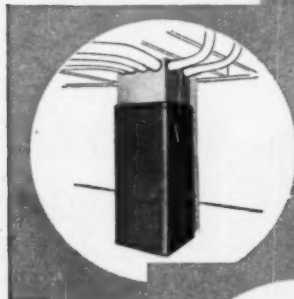
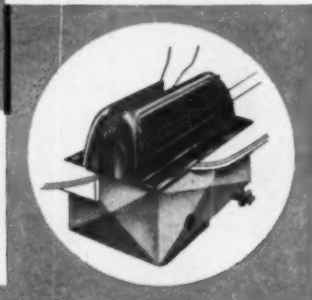
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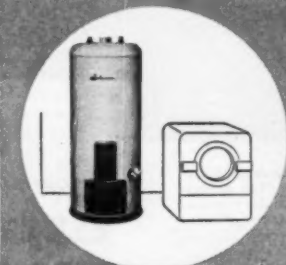
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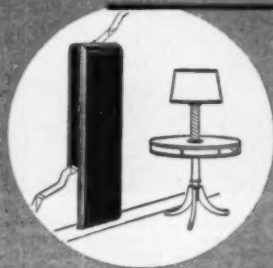


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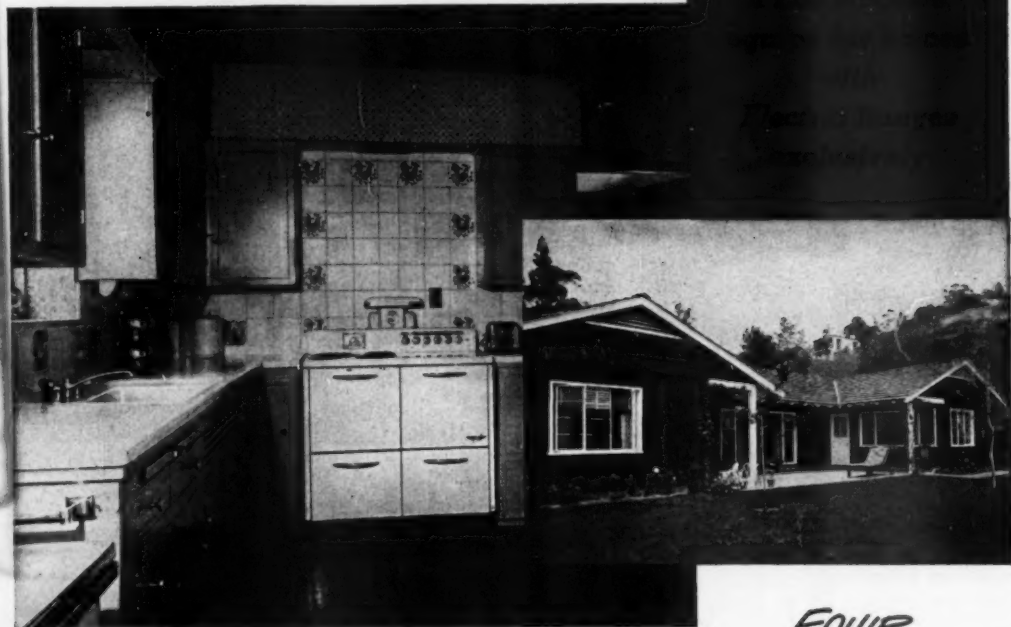
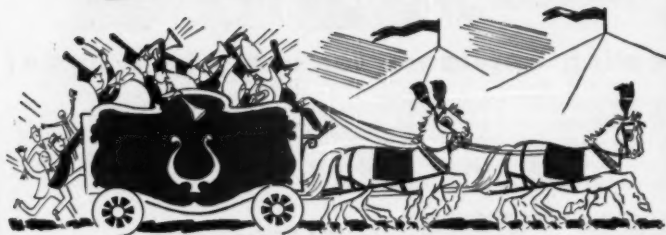
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## EDITORS' Round Table

1,300,000 STARTS for 1950 was *American Builder's* prediction. The figure was so far above what anybody else predicted that the staff was afraid of it. With considerable reluctance the figure was released, and in some quarters it was greeted with derision.

IT WAS RIGHT, however, as had been the estimates advanced by *American Builder* for the two previous years. These earlier estimates also were in excess of those made by anyone else.

WHILE THE STAFF has been right for the past three years, not varying in its estimate by more than five per cent in any year from the final count, it finds itself this year on middle ground with its prediction for 1951.

ESTIMATES for the year ahead vary from a pessimistic 300,000 to an optimistic 900,000 to 1,000,000.

THE PESSIMISTS base their figure on suspected crippling effects of Regulation X, and doubt that there will be any liberalization regardless of how much starts are cut.

THE OPTIMISTS are of the opinion that first, Regulation X will accomplish what its objective is stated to be, that is, peg starts at 800,000 to 850,000, or that revisions will be made in the regulation to permit the announced figure.

THEY ADD another 100,000 to 150,000 to the announced figure, believing that upper price houses will increase to make the difference.

THEN THERE is a school of predictors that accepts the government objective of 850,000, and believes that will be the total of starts for 1951.

AMERICAN BUILDER'S estimate of a minimum of 800,000 is explained on the editorial page.

EVERYONE, of course, who is making a prediction for next year is aware of the numerous uncertainties that reduce all predictions to guesses, astute or otherwise.

THE KOREAN WAR could explode into something that would require total mobilization before the end of the year. If that happened, the vol-

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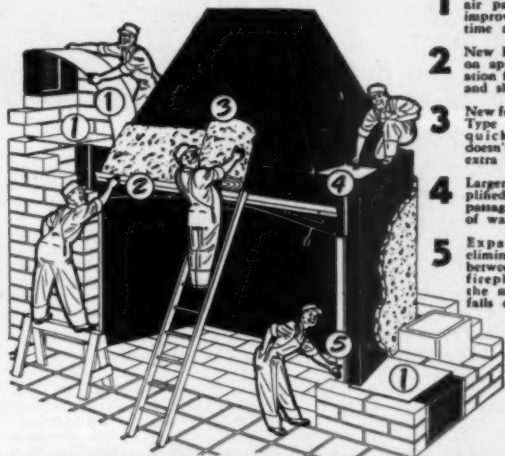
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ume of home building starts would be cut drastically, because of the need to siphon both men and materials into war work of various kinds.

**AS OF** mid-November, however, those who are supposed to be in the know, believe that the Korean war will either be concluded, or will continue to be contained in North Korea.

**NO ONE**, apparently, is inclined to believe that the war can expand before next autumn at the earliest, if indeed then or at any time in the future. Those, also, however, are little more than astute guesses.

**BARRING** an expansion of the war into a larger theatre, there still remains the possibility of a vastly stepped up program of preparation for war at some time during the year, and such a program could have about the same effect on building as the development of continental or global war.

**THAT** is a matter that it is assumed the 82nd Congress will determine.

**THE INFLICTION** of Regulation X is meeting with little determined resistance, and no organized resistance. Its twofold purpose to curb inflation and conserve vital materials generally is accepted.

**AT LEAST** one economist, however, while taking no issue with the alleged need to conserve materials, argues that money invested in a new home serves rather to halt than to encourage inflation. His point is that paying off a mortgage is a form of saving, and saving is the exact opposite of a cause of inflation. It is a deterrent.

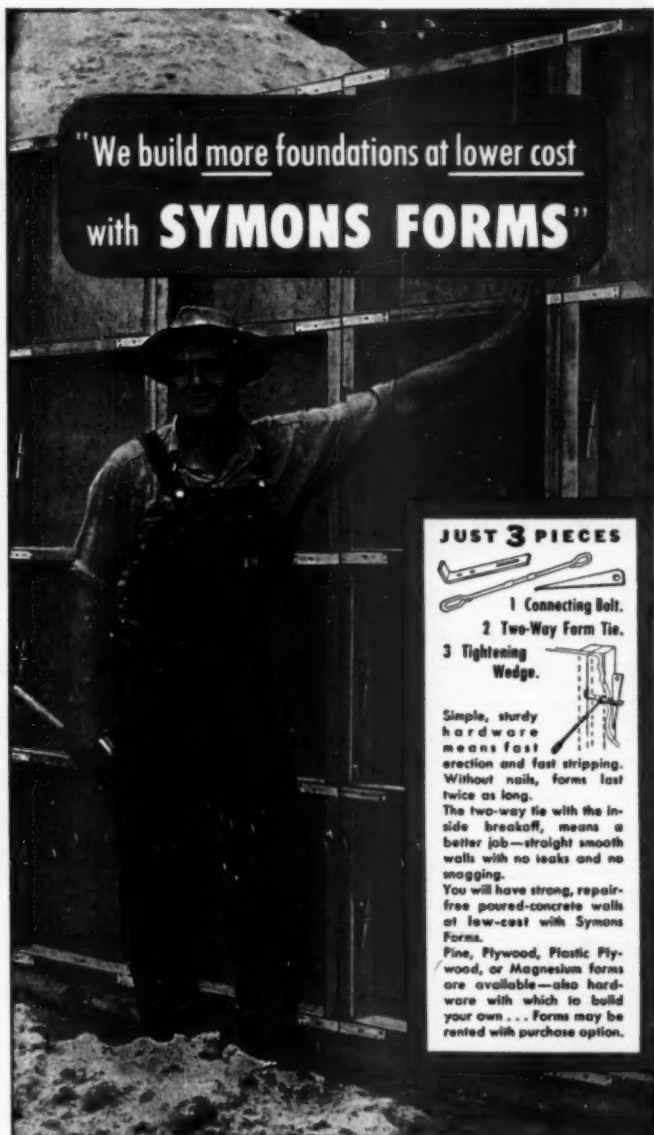
**GOVERNMENT** spending of taxpayers' money for non-productive activities should, it is alleged, be the focal point of attack against inflation.

**EXPANSION** of government payrolls takes personnel from gainful and productive activity, increases taxes, and decreases the nation's production of wealth for all purposes.

**UNTIL** there is clarification or definition of what will be required in the way of building materials for armament purposes, no one can argue

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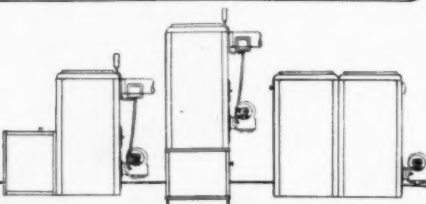
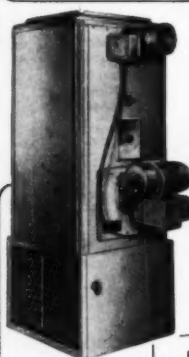
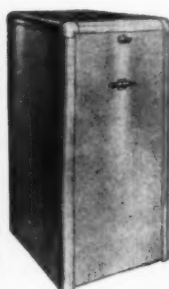
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GA 90	55	22	26	450	800	90	72	96	72
GA 120	55	28½	26	660	1050	120	96	120	96
GA 150	55	35	26	620	1300	150	120	150	120
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					Round Jacket	49½	24½	37½
Steam	95,200	396	300					
Hot Water	95,200	633	480	1.0	Deluxe Cabinet	49	24	38½



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		RPM	CFM Max.	Motor		
				HP	Watts†	
75,000	¾	400-700	800	¾	385	20 x 25 x 1

\*On basement installations add 15% duct loss to net heat loss—compensate for unusual conditions.  
†Maximum watts allowable on motor.

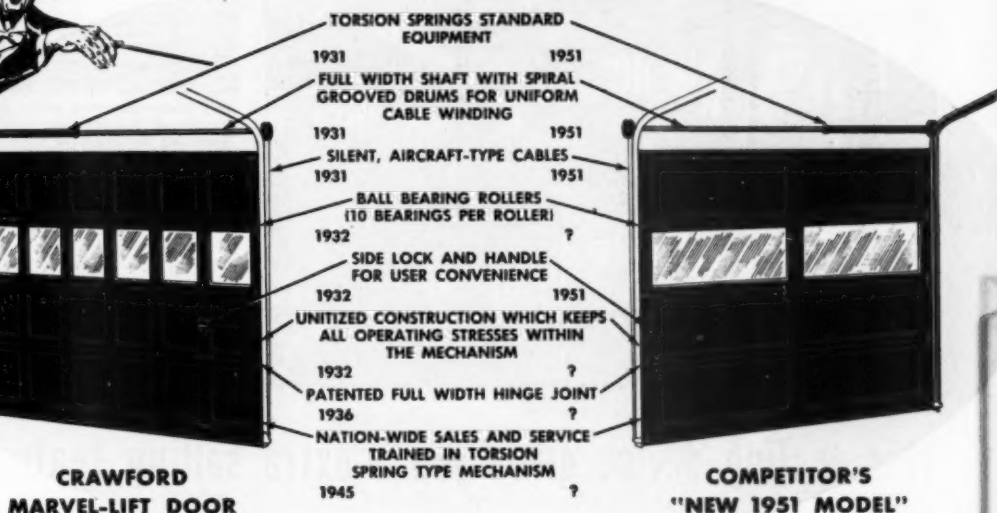
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# WHEN IS A "NEW 1951 MODEL" NEW?



IN coming months you'll see some of the mechanical features of the Crawford Marvel-Lift Door openly imitated by our leading competitors, and announced in their "new 1951 models".

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## CRAWFORD DOOR COMPANY

*Manufacturers of*

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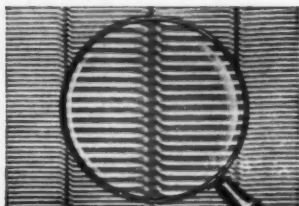
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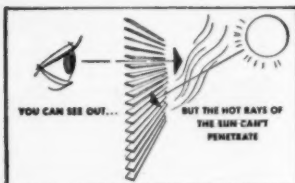
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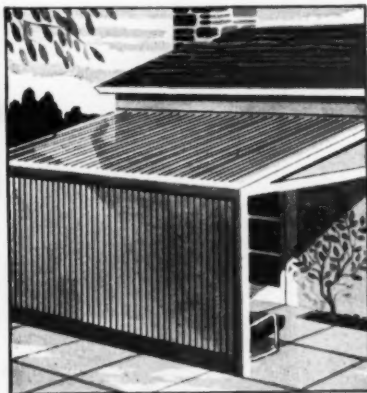
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## EDITORS' Round Table

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against Regulation X on the basis that it is unnecessary from the conservation standpoint.

**MATERIAL PRODUCTION** in 1950 was up 167 per cent over the 1939 level. Some categories of material were well over the average, of course. It seems, therefore, that until some definite requisitions are made for the armed forces, the spread between the material required for 1,300,000 starts in 1950 and the estimates for 1951, should take care of war or preparedness needs.

**REMODELING** again looms as an important building activity. Production capacity of some manufacturers of building materials is as much as double that of 1939. If there is a declining market for new houses, the remodeling market will have to be developed to insure balance between production capacity and sales of materials.

**WITH REASONABLE** exploitation of the market for remodeling a satisfactory volume can be developed. Since 1941 this lucrative field has been forced to lie practically untouched.

**REMODELING** in 1951 need not be developed on a hit-and-miss basis, that is, taking an isolated residence structure here and there. The run-down areas of many large cities are ripe for re-development into good income-producing sections.

**IN DALLAS, TEXAS**, there is an excellent example of re-development of a decaying residence area. Nearly a mile of run-down residence structures were remodeled into a street of modern, attractive shops. Behind these, other residences on side streets have felt the influence of the sprightly main artery, and are being remodeled.

**IN CHICAGO** on the near north side, there is a renaissance taking place. Many old limestone and brown stone front duplex houses have been taken over by commercial entrepreneurs. Faces have been lifted, and attractive shops and eating houses have been created.

**WHOLESALE** remodeling developments similar to new home developments are more than a possibility in such areas, and hold real promise for operative builders.

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# FREE Facts on PARKAY



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# Building Products on Review

**F**OR THE sixth consecutive year *American Builder* offers this presentation as a service to builders. On this and following pages throughout the issue are more than three hundred new and recently developed products, selected from literally thousands that will be used by builders in 1951. Obviously, because of space limitation, we could not begin to show all of them.

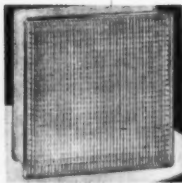
This review offers the builder an opportunity to "window shop." Like window shopping, it is impossible to find all information about a product by merely looking through the display window. To get all the details it is necessary to "go inside," and the reader can do that here by merely writing the manufacturer listed with each product. When writing to a manufacturer, to facilitate a faster reply, refer to the item presented.

Many of the products shown in this issue will be displayed in the 160 or more exhibits at the Annual National Association of Home Builders Convention and Exposition, held in Chicago, January 21-25.

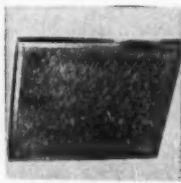
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**Portable Grinder**—Among features of "400" bench grinder, by Portable Electric Tools, Inc., 320 W. 83rd St., Chicago 20, Ill., are 110-120 volt, single phase, 60 cycle, 3500 rpm motor; and two fully-adjustable tool rests.



**Glass Block**—Insulating Light-Directing Glass Block No. 363, made by Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo 1, Ohio, was designed primarily for schools, is also well-suited for needs of commercial and industrial buildings. Provides privacy, daylight.



**Permanent Air Filter**—Bard Manufacturing Co., Bryan, Ohio. Oil-less filter for forced-air heating washes clean in 60 seconds with plain water. Known as "A-Lum-O," filter is made of aluminum wool fibers. Fits all common size systems.



**Blanket Insulation**—Roll Blanket Building Insulation, by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo 1, Ohio, is made of Fiberglas Preformed Insulation bonded to a semi-rigid mass having a density of 1½ to 2 pounds per cubic foot. In standard widths.



**New "Overhead Door"**—Five section construction is used in new door by Overhead Door Corp., Hartford City, Ind. Top, bottom and center rails are wider; two extra center rails give added strength. Deeply embossed hardware enhances.

## BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW



**Cement Paint**—A concrete waterproofing agent. Peerless Cement Paint has a high portland cement content. Contains titanium dioxide. Made in wide range of colors. Peerless Cement Corp., Free Press Bldg., Detroit 16, Mich.



**Ratchet Bit Brace**—Knob and handle of nickel-plated tool are molded of shatter-proof Tenite plastic. Has ball bearing chuck and head, and box-ring ratchet. Manufactured by Peck, Stow and Wilcox Co., Southington, Conn.



**Aluminum Scaffold**—Ten-foot ladder scaffold is erected from 6-foot, 1-inch ladder sections. Well-suited for locations where working space is limited. Patent Scaffolding Co., Inc., 38-21 12th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. is the manufacturer.



**Doors**—Structural features of Paine Rezo door, made by Paine Lumber Co., 73 W. Algona, Oshkosh, Wis., include interlocking air cells, cross bonding of strips, and ventilating natches or air channels that extend from cell to cell.



**Fixture Hanger**—Paine outlet box and fixture hanger consists of two wings, each mounted on a ½-inch nipple which is 2¼ inches long. A key locks wings when they are open. Made by Paine Co., 2947 Carroll Ave., Chicago 12, Ill.

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## TYPICAL RICHMOND INSTALLATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY...

448 Marlene Village homes in Milwaukee, Oregon. Builder and architect: Harry Mittleman Contractor, Inc. Plumbing and Heating Contractor: Rowland Plumbing & Heating Co. Distributor: Gilbert Brothers, Inc.

100 new Woodlawn Park homes in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Builder: Wilkorp, Inc. Plumbing Contractor: Tabaka Plumbing. Heating Contractor: Walter Heating Company. Distributor: Globe Plumbing Supply Co.

1170 Apartments in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Builders: Sarnier & Solow. Architect: Max M. Simon. Distributor: Davis & Warshaw, Inc. Plumbing Contractor: Paramount Plumbing & Heating Co., New York.

648 Veterans Housing Units in Boston, Massachusetts... Building Contractor: C. J. Money, Inc. Plumbing Contractor: Crane Plumbing & Heating Co. Architect: Saul E. Mollie. Distributor: Samuel Hurwitz Co.



121 Units Multiple Dwellings in Los Angeles, California. Building Contractor: N. J. Nielson Co. Plumbing Contractor: Charles C. Lockard, Inc. Distributor: Tri-State Pipe and Supply Co.

100 Apt. Units in Memphis, Tenn. Bldg. Contractor: Owner-Builder Corp. Plumbing Contractor: R. E. Shook Service. Architect: Faires & Sanford; Chas. Williams, Asso.; Dist.: Gordon Hollingsworth Co.

234 Homes in Phila., Pa. Builders: Broad Construction Co. Plumbing Contractor: Provident Plumbing and Heating Co. Heating Contractor: William G. English. Distributor: Atlantic P. & H. Supply Co.

940 Post Acres Homes in Westbury, Long Island. Building Contractor: Post Acres Corporation. Plumbing Contractor: Central Plumbing and Heating Co. Distributor: Elite Sales Corporation.

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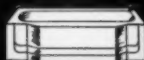
architects, more plumbing contractors nationwide recommend Richmond. In plumbing fixtures of enameled cast iron or vitreous china...in gas or oil-fired automatic heating equipment...always remember—when quality and economy count...count on Richmond.



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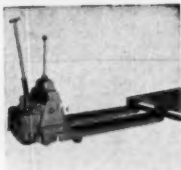
Richmond Radiator Company  
19 East 47th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Please send me information and literature on Richmond heating equipment and plumbing fixtures.

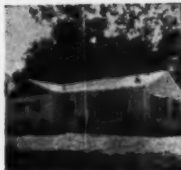
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**Pallet Load-Lift**—Market Forge Co., Everett, Mass. Made of aluminum alloy, it features special wheels that automatically retract when forks are in lowered position. Truck has short wheel base, will lift wherever man can stand.



**Factory-Built Homes**—Ivan R. Ford, Inc., McDonough, N. Y. Sold to developers and contractor-dealers who are required to maintain their own crews to perform field work under factory supervision. Homes are conventionally designed.



**Building Blocks**—Speed-block is interlocking building material of patented design requiring no mortar to bond together the individual blocks. Made by Hydro-Forged Stone Associates, Inc., Bulkeley Bldg., Cleveland 15, Ohio.



**Packaged Chimney**—Chimney Sales Co., Fredericksburg, Va. Thulman chimney is approved by Underwriters' for use in one, one-and-one-half and two-story buildings and for installation with zero clearance. Unit sent complete.



**Waste Disposer**—Eureka Williams Corp., Bloomington, Ill. Dispos-O-Matic fits any standard size sink and grinds kitchen waste to fine pulp. To prevent jamming, hinged impellers allow heavy pieces to pass through, then breaks them up.



**Translucent panel**—Corrux Corp., P. O. Box 6524, Houston, Texas. In six colors, has wide use as skylighting, and as decoration. Weighs less than 1/2 pound per sq. ft. In widths up to 42 inches, lengths up to 12 feet. Easy to install.



**Small Range**—Frigidaire Div., General Motors Corp., Dayton 1, Ohio. Although only 30 inches wide, range oven is large enough to hold six pies or 10 loaves of bread. Will fit into small kitchen. Has large storage drawer. Low price.



**Winter Air Conditioner**—Niagara Furnace Div., The Forest City Foundries Co., 2500 W. 27th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio. Series 50 Niagara has cast iron heat exchanger, is available in five sizes. Three-speed direct-drive blower.



**Flexible Doors**—Doors, made of Northern Basswood splints 1/2x1/10 inches thick, are designed for walk-in closets, room dividers, and similar uses. Range of 11 enamel colors. Hough Shade Corp., 1044 Jackson St., Janesville, Wis.



**Lavatory**—Crane Co., 836 S. Michigan, Chicago 5, Ill. Crane Criterion lavatory introduces new made in styling. Vitrified china slab construction with wide flat top and rolled front. Lucite handles. With or without legs.

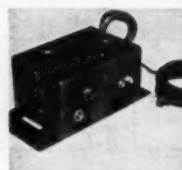
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**"Disappearing" Bed**—Folding bed has complete head rail, appearance of conventional bed. As little as seven square feet of floor space will take care of concealment. Holmes Mfg. Co., 211 N. Madison Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.



**Power Saw**—The Forsberg Mfg. Co., Bridgeport, Conn. Whiz-Saw No. 2 will rip and cross-cut wood, bone, plastic, etc., up to 2 inches thick. Has 1/2 H.P. motor, AC or DC. Forced lubrication. Length, 7 feet. Weight, 6 1/2 pounds.



**Combination Unit**—Palmer D. Weeks, Inc., 5402 1/2 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, Va. Planes doors and all other wood surfaces up to 2 1/2 inches wide, or can be used as a jointer by passing wood over top of cutter head. Steel Plate with steel head.



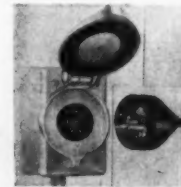
**Range Ventilator**—Comfort Products Corp., Dallas, Texas. Two-speed over-the-range Kitchen Kanopy fastens directly to wall. Quiet, vibrationless operation. Unit does not affect heating or air-conditioning systems in the home.



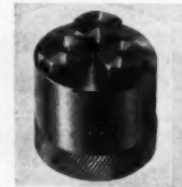
**Fork-Truck Tire**—Clark Equipment Co., Industrial Truck Div., Battle Creek, Mich. Demountable cushion style rubber tire will be standard equipment on Trucloder models 1015 and 1024. Tapered hard-rubber base reinforced with wires.



**Concrete Block Maker**—Fleming Manufacturing Co., 4980 Fyler Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo. FMC model, 33 inches wide, 70 inches long and 66 inches high is factory adjusted for 180 cycles per hour. One man required. Push button controls.



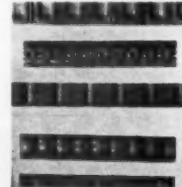
**Weatherproof Plate**—Cast aluminum plate, with self-closing lift cover and sealing rubber gaskets, is designed for use with 20 ampere 2-wire, 3-wire or 4-wire Twist-Lock caps. Made by Harvey Hubbell, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.



**Nozzle for Wetting Plaster or concrete**. Fog-it Sales Co., P. O. Box 383, Downey, Calif. Creates fog-like spray that thoroughly wets without damaging stream of water. Operates on high or low pressure and attaches to standard hose.



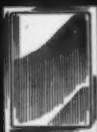
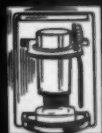
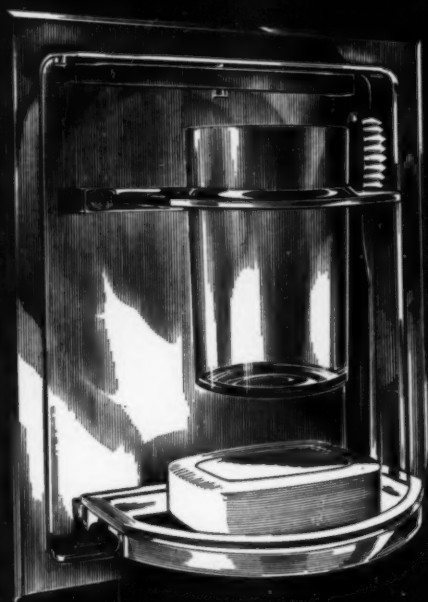
**Garbage Disposer**—Given Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Waste King Pulverator has "Hush-Cushions" that keep noise and vibration from penetrating through walls, sink tops and house plumbing. Available in three sizes.



**Decorative Moulding**—Decor-Mould, made by Ho-moulding Co., 192 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y., can be installed with ordinary hammer only, is scored so that it may be broken by hand pressure. Comes in number of colors.



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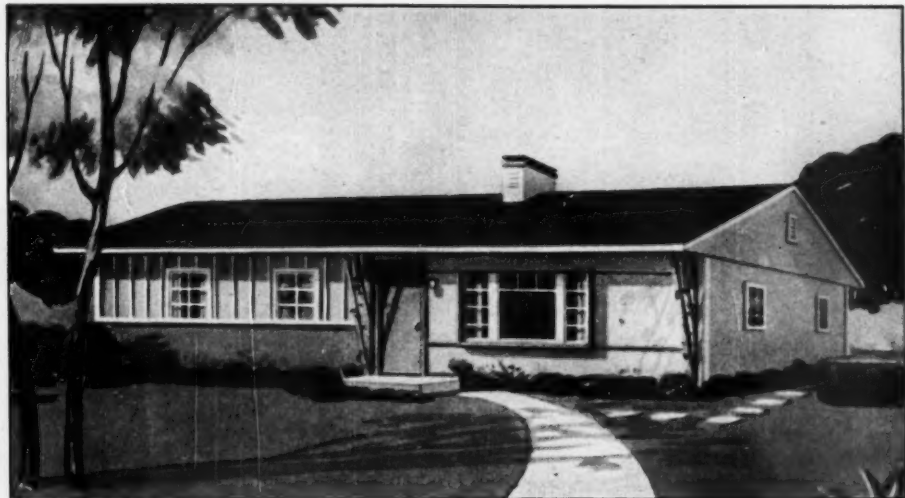
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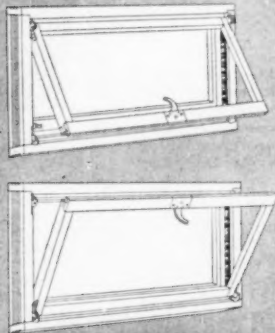
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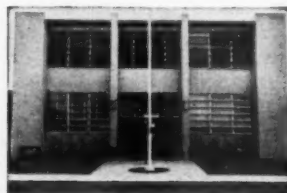
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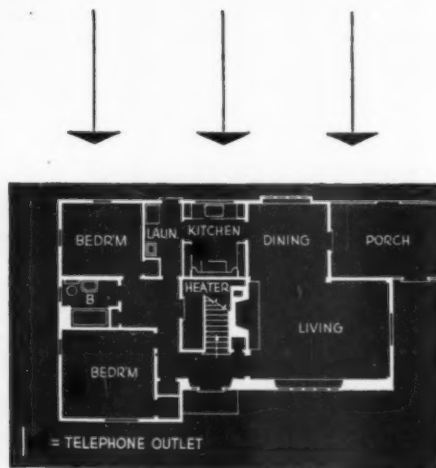
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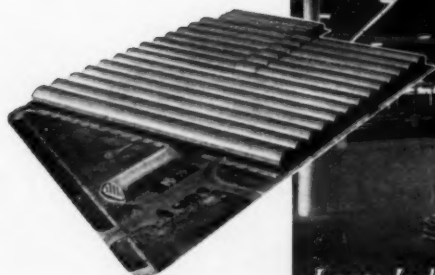




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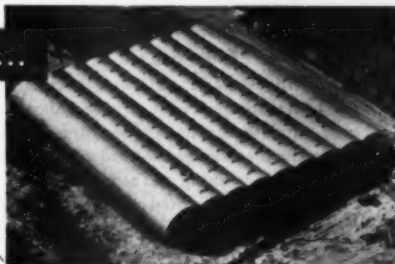
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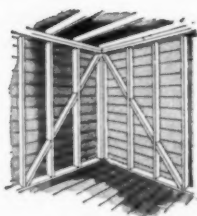
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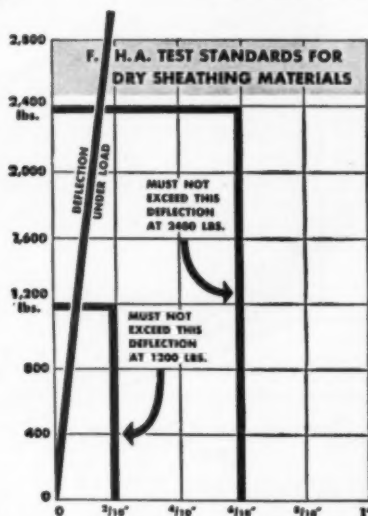
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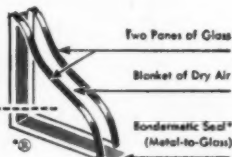


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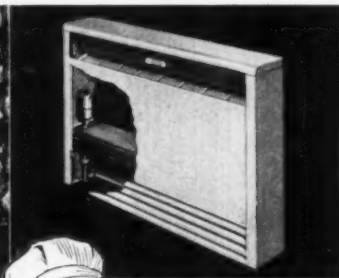
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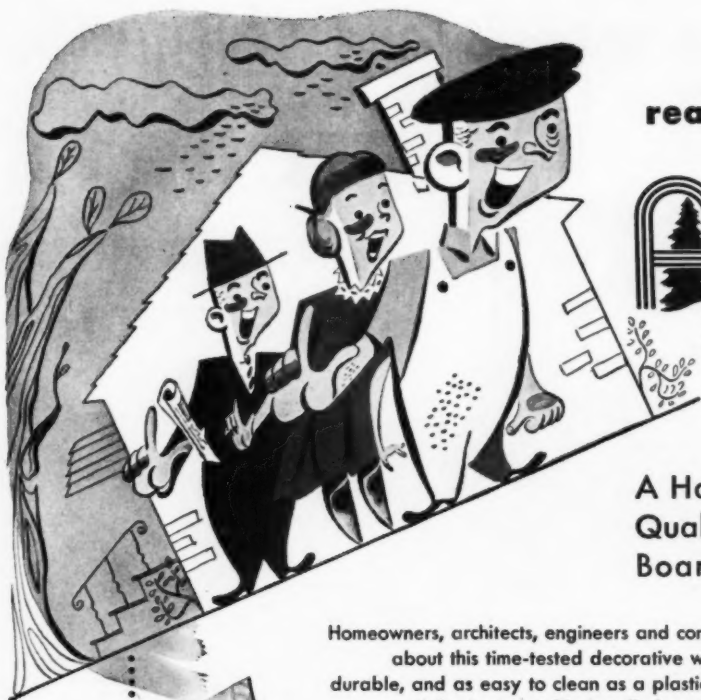
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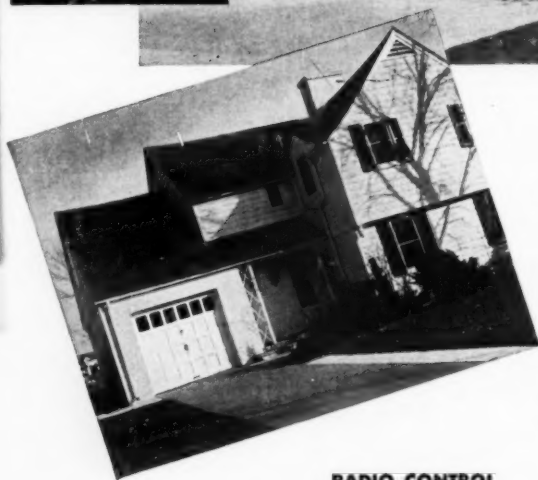
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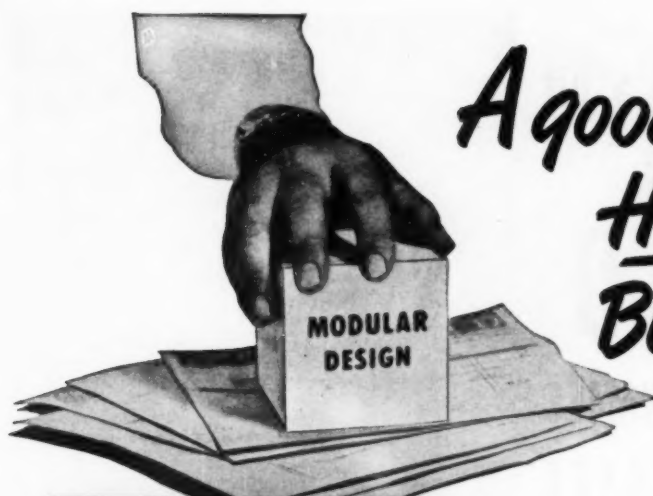
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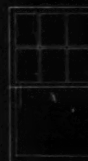


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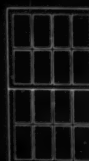
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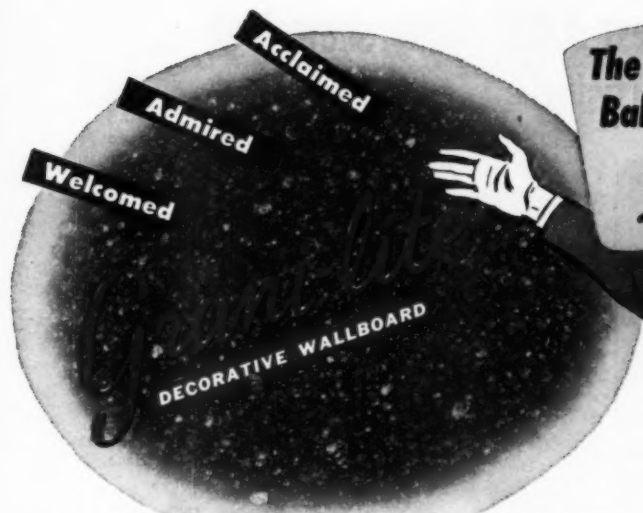
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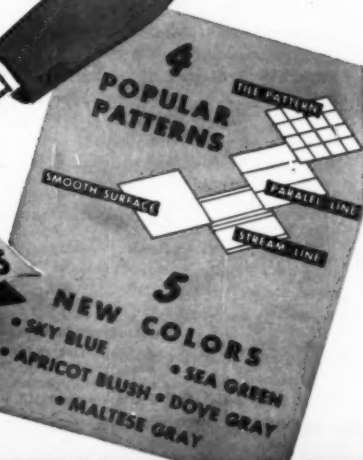
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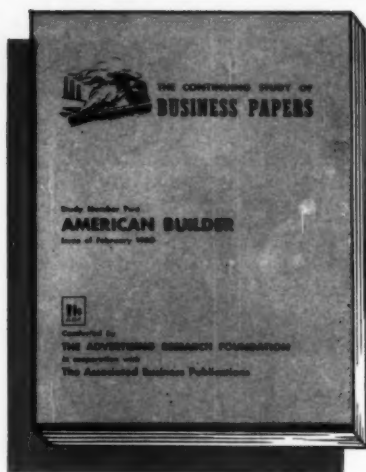
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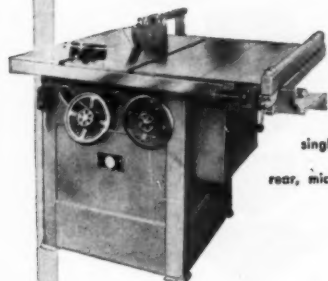
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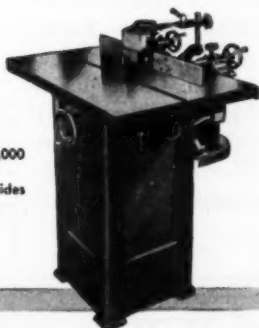
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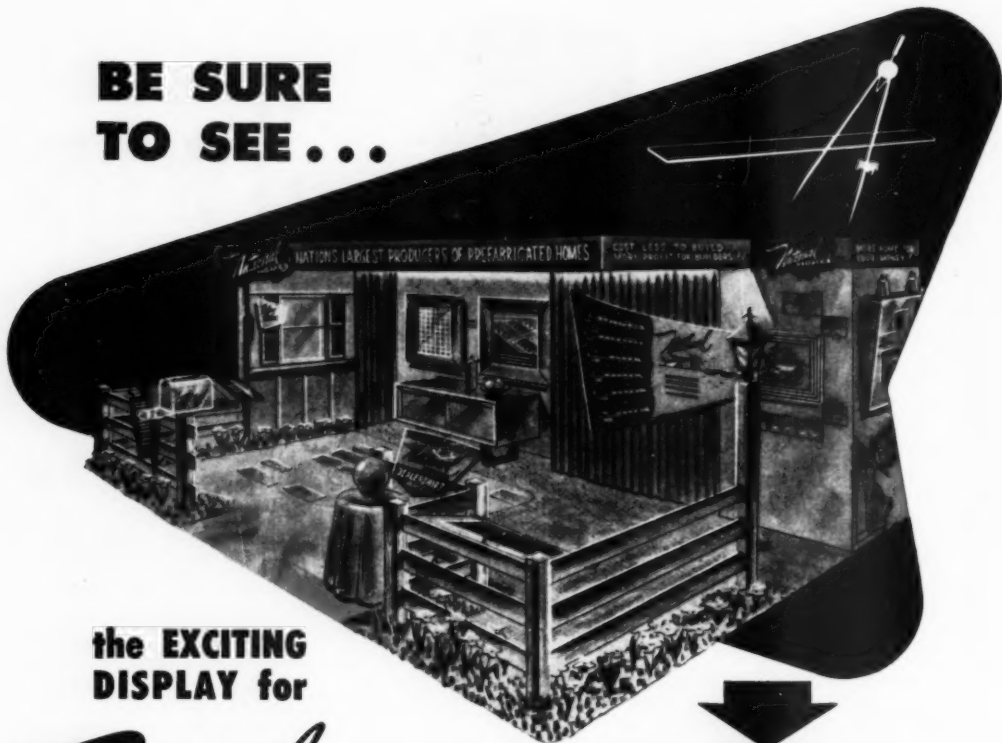
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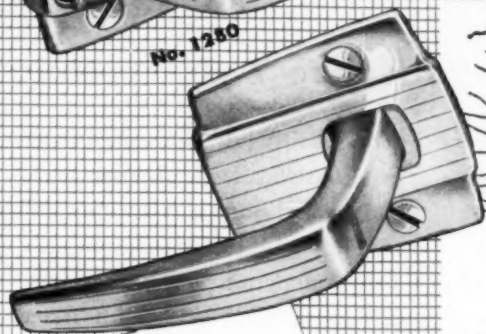
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## A SCREEN AND STORM DOOR LATCH



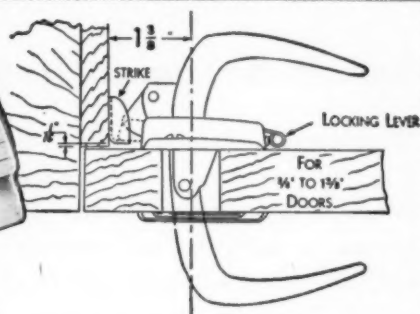
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You can save time by getting all your screen hardware from the complete Stanley line. Here are just a few of the many Stanley items that win customer approval in new construction or modernization work.

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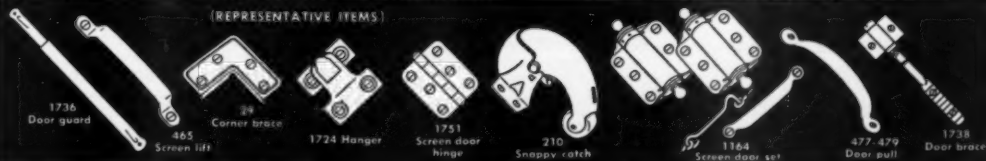
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## Roddiscraft Housemart Doors feature 7-ply construction

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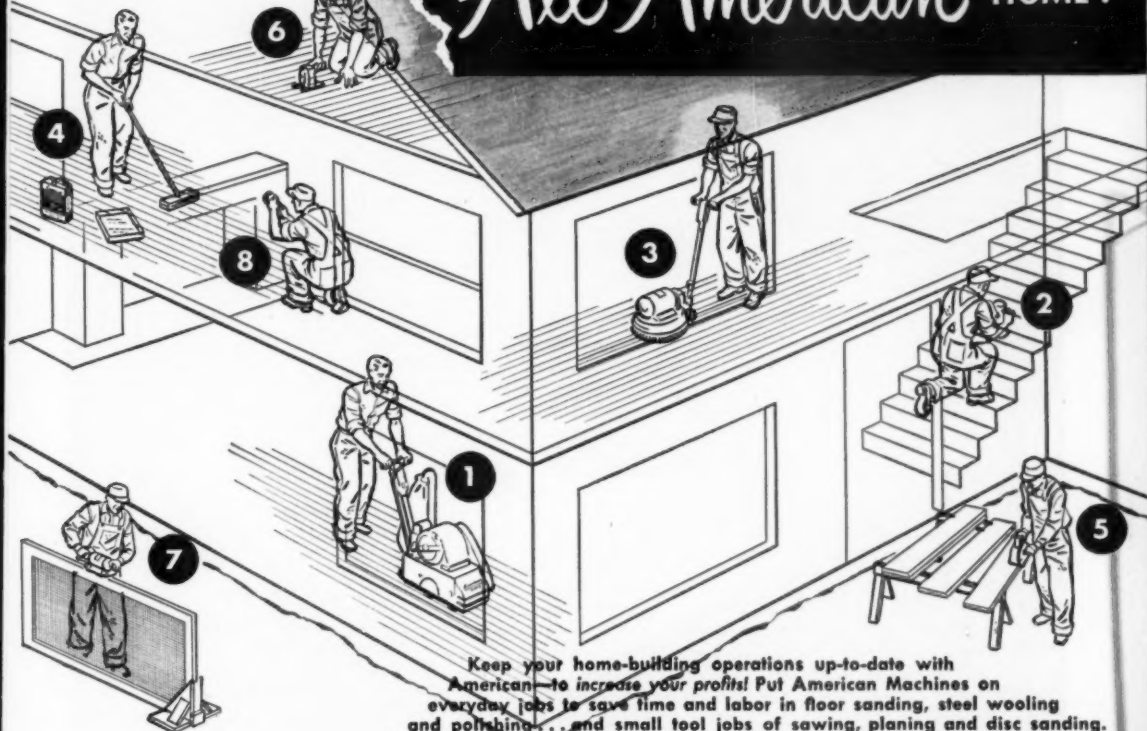
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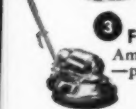
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**2 FLOOR EDGERS**  
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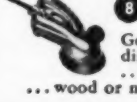
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**What about 1951?**

**F**ULLY AWARE of all the uncertainties of war and government regulations, *American Builder* predicts that there will be a minimum of 800,000 new home starts in 1951. This figure was reached by two staff groups working independently and using different approaches. One group projected statistical information, with certain modifying factors based on the probable effect of Regulation X as it exists at present, and came up with an answer of 800,000. The other drew on its extensive acquaintance with leaders among home builders, manufacturers, distributors and financing institutions, and arrived at the same answer.

In advancing the prediction *American Builder* recognizes that Regulation X as it stands now probably will make drastic cuts in the starts of houses costing up to \$10,000, and probably will not advance the volume of houses in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 class over the total for 1950. Unless there appeared to be strong likelihood that the loss of volume in the low-cost houses in some measure would be compensated by increases in other price classes the estimate would stand at 600,000.

In arriving at the 800,000 figure, however, it is estimated that there will be an increase of at least 200,000 units in the \$15,000 and over class. This is based on the fact that the emphasis since the close of the war has been on the lower cost houses, and that in many communities neither labor nor materials have been available for most of the upper price market, which has been and still is a demand rather than a need market. The year 1949 saw 1,019,000 starts, and little if any delay in completions according to reasonably fast schedules. A very small part of this market, however, was upper price houses. This year probably will close with a total of nearly 1,300,000 starts, but far from that many completions. The year proved that job-site capacity for a year is about 1,000,000, and that material manufacturers' capacity, with a few notable exceptions, is about the same. With the emphasis in both these years on low-cost houses, and the industry producing at capacity or over-capacity, the upper income prospect who wants but does not need a house, has stayed out of the market. With a cut-back, under Regulation X to 600,000 next year, the upper-income prospect will shop and build to the extent of a minimum 200,000 units.

The market will be healthily competitive with a maximum of 80 per cent of the industry's capacity salable without effort. Builders will be required to search harder for buyers as will producers and distributors. There should be a more plentiful flow of all classes of material to smaller and more isolated communities, and a consequent more even distribution of building activity. Production capacity and probably supply of some materials, notably lumber, should exceed demand. There should, as a result, be a general but slight softening of prices. There is no good economic reason for more control, or even Regulation X, but that is another story. There is little likelihood of war on a continental or inter-continental scale during 1951. It will not be an easy year, but it should be a good one for home building.

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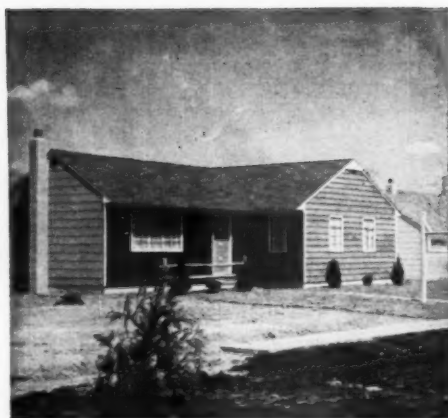
## Selected Homes Exhibited During— NATIONAL HOME WEEK

**T**HE House on this page and those of the following pages have been selected from the thousands presented in the special newspaper supplements issued in connection with National Home Week. Subsequent issues of *American Builder* will present and describe others equally attractive and salable. The success of National Home Week in 1950 eclipsed that of its two predecessors both in quality and quantity of houses exhibited. Also, for the first time in the three-year history of the Week, it was observed in numerous small cities and rural communities.

Aside from immediate sales traceable to National Home Week demonstrations which, this year, were reported to have reached record proportions, builders state that the interest aroused in home building is incalculable. Many local newspapers were slow to see the opportunities for service to their communities and profit to themselves offered by the Week, and 1950 saw a general awakening in smaller cities. In at least one community which does not have a chapter of NAHB, a local retail lumber dealer, co-operating with the local real estate board, went into action, and the newspaper produced a record-breaking special building supplement. That was Kankakee, Illinois.

Builders, dealers and realtors confidently predict that, barring further defense or war regulations on home building, 1951 will see an even greater observation of the Week. *American Builder*, therefore, proposes to continue presenting examples of the types of houses which were most successful from a standpoint of crowd interest, and consequently from a standpoint of salability.

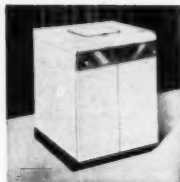
Readers are invited to submit houses which were successfully demonstrated for presentation in future issues of *American Builder*. Material submitted should include complete working drawings, glossy photos of the exterior, sales price, and a list of materials and equipment used, along with any other information of particular interest.



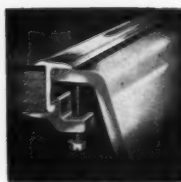
### Designed with 10 Exteriors To Sell for Less Than \$9,000

**D**ESIGNED by Matern & York, architects of New York, and built by Matthews Const. Co., Babylon, L.I., New York, the house has 10 different exterior styles, and sales prices vary from \$7900 to \$8700. Has unpartitioned full basement. Meant for lot of minimum 60x100 dimensions. Specifications include 1x8 t&g sheathing and asbestos shingles; interior walls of Sheetrock; bathroom and kitchen floors asphalt tile, others #1 birch; 2x6 rafters and pine roof boards; 210 Ruberoid asphalt shingles; steel casement windows; flush fir plywood doors; cotton batt insulation; hot water heat; American Standard and Crane plumbing; Port-Mar boiler and tankless coil; Revere copper tubing; Murray switches and receptacles. Kitchen has breakfast bar and glass checkerboard serving counter.

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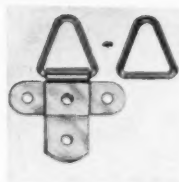
**Automatic Washer**—Blackstone Corp., Jamestown, N. Y. Model 150 washer has precision-built driving mechanism, with hardened steel gears, rubber-mounted on welded steel chassis. Stainless steel tub is 20 inches in diameter.



**Sink Frame**—B & T Metals Co., 425 West Town St., Columbus 16, Ohio. Sink-Lok frame for cabinet-top sink installations combines advantages of finishing trim, sealing joint and support. Designed to avoid mortising, rabbeting or special work.



**Thread Restorer**—Buckingham Mfg. Co., Inc., Binghamton, N. Y. This thread restorer is especially suited for reconditioning closely spaced studs and bolts that are battered, distorted or rusted. Cutting jaws fit 1/4 to 1-inch diameters.

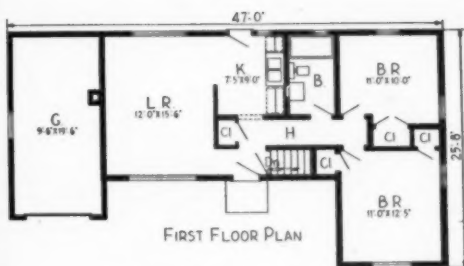


**Mirror Hanger**—Bull Dog Lock Co., 4636 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. Extra heavy duty mirror hanger has solid one-piece ring. Double vertical hanger strap and elimination of cut-out areas provide top strength.



**Pneumatic Hammer**—Burgess Thomas Co., Dept. R., Box 287, Bloomfield, N. J. Applan super hammer measures 9 1/2 inches over-all. Operates when pressed against work with no kick. Works on pressures of from 30 to 100 pounds.





TEN variations in exterior retain economies, relieve monotony

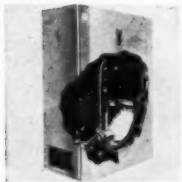


SIMPLE exterior given character with door design, short picket fence and flower box

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**Heating Unit**—Delco Appliance Div., General Motors Corp., Rochester, N. Y. Model GA Conditionair is made in 5 models ranging in B.T.U. input capacities from 62,500 to 210,000 per hour. Gas-fired unit has steel radiators, ribbon burners.



**Heating Unit**—Burnham Corp., Irvington, N. J. Pace-maker oil-fired boiler-burner unit has vertical flue travel unit has two crown sheets which absorb heat. Made in wide variety of sizes for steam and hot water installations, unit is quickly set up.



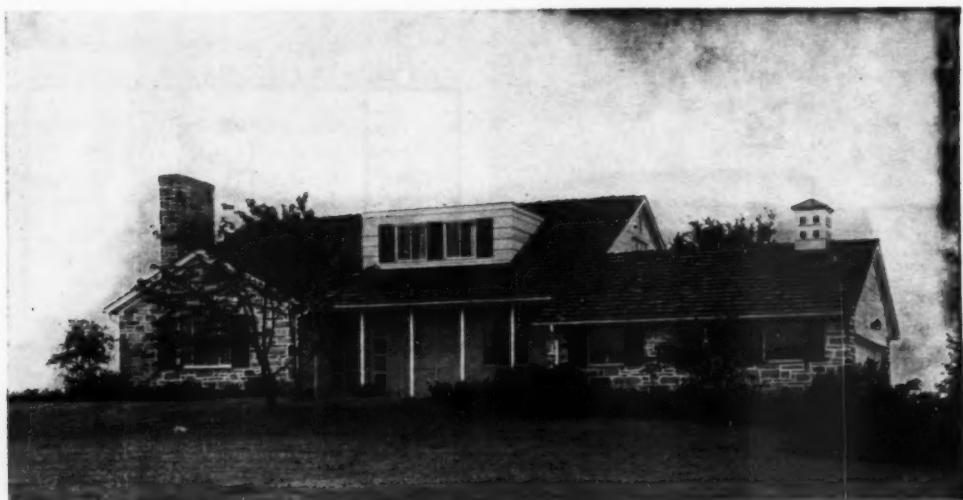
**Ornamental Iron**—Belson Mfg. Co., Iron Works Div., 111 Franklin St., Aurora, Ill. Wrought iron interior or exterior railings, porch columns, grills canopy brackets, etc., are custom-built to specifications for all types of architecture and decoration.



**Kitchen Cabinets**—Bel-Wood Mfg. Co., Ackerman, Miss. Kitchens are custom-styled in beautiful woods. Baking unit shown above is designed to house all baking equipment and supplies. Center doors slide open. Additional storage at sides.



**Brace Lock**—Bil-Jax, Inc., Archbold, Ohio. Scaffolding brace lock is designed for use on tubular scaffolding. Braces attach to end frames by placing slotted ends onto studs, are held in place by lug. Wing nuts not removed for erection or dismantling.



DIGNITY AND MASS are apparent in this view of first of 350 similar houses in Pepper Pike Village near Cleveland



## Built for Luxury Living on a Small One-acre Rural Estate

**B**UILT by Keyes-Treuhaft Co., home builders of Cleveland, and designed by Maxwell Norcross, this house was exhibited during National Home Week to demonstrate the kind of country living being made available in the company's new development, Landerwood Estates. All of the 350 houses planned for the development will be individually designed, and prices will range from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Lots are all one or more acres, and have a minimum of 125 feet on the building line.

Specifications include complete General Electric kitchens and laundries, American-Standard plumbing fixtures, Armstrong floors, Tracy sinks, Hope's steel casement windows, Rusco combination storm sash and screens, Amweld sliding steel closet door units. The roof is hand-split cedar shakes. A setback in the rear wall of the garage permits storage of garden tools. Note that the den can be entered from both the garage and the outside, and that a second door from the garage leads to the front porch.

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**Wall Covering**—Baltimore Porcelain Steel Corp., Box 928, Baltimore 3, Md. Mirawal is a porcelain-on-steel facing for interior and exterior applications. Has 1/8-inch Masonite backing. Surface is stainproof, fireproof. Application is simple.



**Weatherstrip**—Robert N. Baltz & Co., Inc., 1009 Harvard Terrace, Evanston, Ill. All-metal interlocking E-Z-On weatherstripping is designed for surface installation on double-hung windows of wood or metal. Requires no rabbeting.



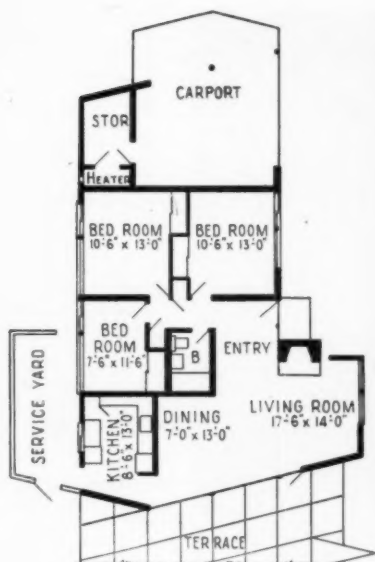
**Garage Doors**—Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill. Four-section model 31 economic, light, commercial and residential garage door has ball bearing rollers, automatic latch and continuous vertical track brackets. Steel cables support door.



**Gas Range**—A-B Stoves Div., Detroit-Michigan Stove Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Model 50-420 range features include center simmer burners, extra large oven, drop front broiler and built-in fluorescent light. Outside surface is titanium porcelain.



**Celler Drainer**—The Deming Co., Salem, Ohio. Fig. 4613 unit is designed to protect against flooded basements or for draining water from pits. Operation is completely automatic. Capacity varies with head from 1200 to 2200 gallons per hour.



NOTE angles of the front wall elements



NOTE lantern fixture and head-high kitchen partition with service bar

## California House for Outdoor Living

**S**TYLED for the best California living at a moderate price, this house designed by Anshen and Allen, San Francisco architects, was built by Eichler Homes, Palo Alto, Calif. It is priced at \$12,850 complete with land, and includes three Hotpoint appliances—an automatic clothes washer, a refrigerator and a range.

An unusual feature, and one which is slowly gaining popularity, is the use of walls placed at obtuse angles instead of right angles. Here, the two elements of the front wall are placed at approximately 110 degrees to the side walls. End of the storage room, and the two lines of the carport ramp slab are at about the same angle off 90 degrees. Open beams, plywood walls and board ceilings feature the interior, and lend a rustic, but tidy appearance. The beam at the dividing point between the dining and living areas is continuous beyond the wall, and acts also as a support for a widened roof overhang at this point. The terrace at the front carries out the obtuse angles, and is artistically lined.



OPEN beams and board ceiling in natural finish together with plywood walls and common brick fireplace lend rustic look

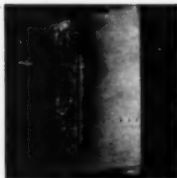
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**Door Hardware**—Detroit Steel Products Co., 3101 Griffin St., Detroit 11, Mich. New latch-type door hardware is intended for installations in apartment buildings, stores or anywhere where light is needed. Shown in Fenestra door.



**Window with Trim**—Detroit Steel Products Co., 3101 Griffin St., Detroit 11, Mich. Fenestra residence casement window unit is now available with steel outside and inside trim of galvanized and banded sections coped and fitted.



**Refrigerator**—Admiral Model 1090 Dual-Temp electric refrigerator has storage capacity of 10.6 cubic feet. Includes new and improved features for greater convenience. Admiral Corp., 3800 W. Cortland, Chicago 47, Ill.



**Fireplace Casing**—Fireproof Casing prefabricated by Hearthaire Conditioning Co., 3126 Scarborough Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, permits placing of fireplace unit directly over  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch marine board as a hearth on wood or other flooring.



**Finisher**—Detroit Surfacing Machine Co., 1333 East Eight Mile Rd., Detroit 20, Mich. Easy finisher is a vibrationless, reciprocating, straightline action sander for wet or dry, curved or flat work. Available in sturdy steel-carrying case.

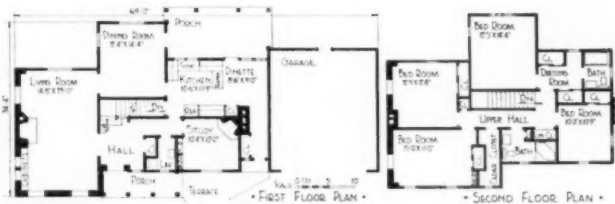


A LARGE, well-landscaped lot and graceful shade trees furnish setting for this Pennsylvania farm-type home designed for comfortable living

## Pennsylvania-Type Farm House

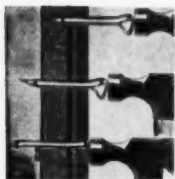
**F**OUR bedrooms, two baths, screened porch and an abundance of closet space feature this roomy Pennsylvania farm house of Wells-ville stone and clapboard, built by D. W. Frazier in Rochester, N.Y. Selling price without lot was \$34,000.

There are paneled fireplaces in the large living room and den; picture window in the colonial dining room overlooks garden and porch. Powder room is in colored tile.



PLAN for both floors stresses roominess, with plenty of space for family use and storage

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**Clinching Nail**—Elastic Stop Nut Corp. of America, 2330 Vauxhall Rd., Union, N. J. Self-clinching stainless steel ES-nail is used for face-nailing asbestos shingles directly to 1/2-inch or 25/32-inch sheathing. Works when used over studs.



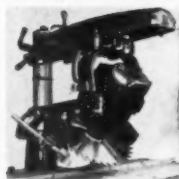
**Oil Burner**—Williams Oil-Matic Div., Eureka Williams Corp., Bloomington, Ill. Model Fifty-Ten low pressure oil burner meters down to as low as two quarts of oil per operating hour. Unit mixes oil thoroughly with air, will burn catalytic oils.



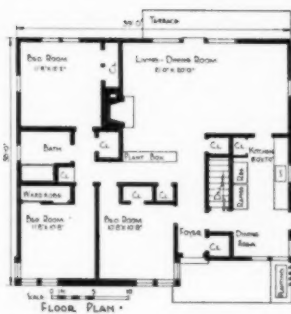
**Utility Roller**—Gabb Mfg. Co., Div. of E. Horton & Son Co., Windsor Locks, Conn. General purpose roller for use on bituminous surfaces has heavy-duty reverse gear and forward clutch assembly designed for constant operation. Water ballast type.



**Awning Window**—Gate City Sash and Door Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. New operating gear enclosure on wood awning window assures smoother lifting and lowering of horizontally opening sash. Available with Thermopane or Twinwall.



**Radial Arm Saw**—DeWalt Inc., Lancaster, Pa. Improved model GR power saw features a recently perfected low-dead rise, direct motor drive. Motor is totally enclosed with grease-sealed-for-life bearings. Allows 4 1/2-inch cut with 14-inch blade.



NEATLY-DESIGNED home with simple, unbroken roof lines attracted many visitors in Beloit, Wis.

## Appeal with Simple Lines

THE MODERN trends to greater privacy and fuller use of rear yards are exemplified in this home built in Beloit, Wis., by Glenn Webermeier. Selling price was \$18,000.

Living and dining areas are in

rear, overlooking opening to terrace; and eye-level windows in bedrooms and den afford privacy without loss of light and also permit convenient placement of furniture.

A combination of roman brick,

horizontal siding and symmetrical fenestration accent the simple, trim lines of front elevation.

The kitchen lies in a straight line between dining area and breakfast room and has access to front and side entrance.

Other features are a natural stone fireplace and a full basement.



DESIGNED for middle income family. Memphis home has many plus features



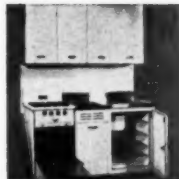
## Planned for Extra Convenience

PRICED at substantially under \$25,000, this Memphis, Tenn., home offers three bedrooms, two

baths and a den. John B. Goodwin Realty Co. is the builder and Faires and Sanford the architects.

Separate entrance hall gives access to bedrooms without going through living room. Bathroom layout was planned with den entertaining in mind. Kitchen has a separate food service area. A number of large closets are another feature.

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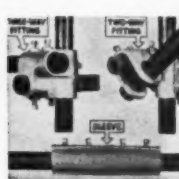
**Efficiency Kitchens**—Douglas Distributing Corp., 901 Girard St., N. E., Washington 17, D. C. Unit has six cubic feet refrigerator, baked enamel on steel wall cabinets, stainless steel sink-top and chrome-plated brass sink fittings. Five feet wide.



**Faucet Washer**—Economy Valve Co., 5919 Tireman Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. Washer for valves and faucets has ball bearing unit to absorb twisting motions. Unit reduces costs of maintenance. Fixtures also available with Belco washer unit.



**Boat Kits**—C. R. Dillaugh Co., 7928 N. E. Mallory Ave., Portland 11, Ore. Knocked down boat kits are designed for retailing by lumber dealers. Kit contains all necessary parts for complete boat except some lumber and paint.

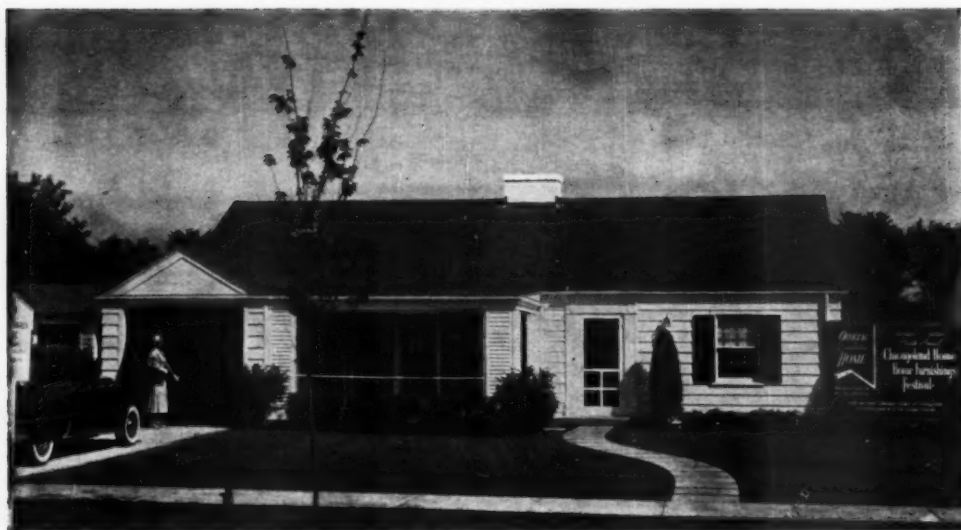


**Scaffolding System**—System developed by Amidon Sales Co., Elyria, Ohio, consists of standard steel pipe fastened by one or more: three-way fittings; two-way fittings; and sleeves, for joining pipe lengths and attaching casters.



**Sink**—Special features of Triwell sink, manufactured by American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., P. O. Box 1226, Pittsburgh, 30, Pa., include perforated garbage container, with metal cover, between two compartments.





SCREENED PORCH acts as barrier to direct sunlight in living room, and can be used as extension of interior

## Low Priced House Makes Hit in Chicagoland

C. E. BLOMGREN, builder, of Northbrook, Ill., selected this house from a number of similar ones in his current development for demonstration during National Home Week. One of the particularly interesting features of the house is the use of three pairs of French doors on the side of the living room leading to the front porch. The doors are all glazed with adjustable awning type glass slats. Thus, any desired degree of ventilation can be obtained, and in warm weather the doors can be opened to include the screened porch in the living-dining area. Austerity of the porch is relieved by the use of narrow fixed shutters at the end and corner. Floors are asphalt tile throughout except in the utility room. The utility room is unusually large to permit construction of shelves and cabinets for storage of off-season garments. There is a 34x34 inch rough opening in the ceiling for future installation of an attic fan. A large storage area is provided for garden tools at the end of the garage.



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**Aluminum Window**—Per-Fit windows are pre-glazed with B. F. Goodrich Koroseal, have no glass-to-metal contact. Simple group assemblies, easily installed. Per-Fit Products Corp., 1200 E. 52nd St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.



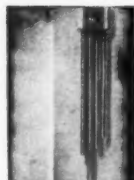
**Patterned Glass**—Textured Flutex, made by Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Toledo 3, Ohio, is used for decorative interior and exterior glazing. Finish is mid-way in obscurity between clear and Satin. In thicknesses of 1/4- and 7/32 in.



**Bathroom Cabinet**—Series "80" fluorescent lighted cabinet is manufactured by F. H. Lawson Co., 801 Evans St., Cincinnati 4, Ohio, with frameless mirror or stainless steel mirror frame. Made from one-piece drawn steel body.



**Intercom System**—Excutions, Inc., 415 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Two-way communication system permits contact with all parts of home. Each station can call four other stations, receive calls from all other stations. Entrance outlet.



**Door Chime**—Edwards and Co., Norwalk, Conn. Westminster four-tube chime has eight-note melody, two-note sequence, or solitary chime. Combination may be switched in any manner. Dust-proof shield is in gold and wine on gray.



USE of vertical planks and battens on front door and brackets at side, with planting box at front gives distinction to this moderately priced house



## Glass Areas Dominate Front and Side

**D**ESIGNED and built by Don Ganser and Associates, Milwaukee builders, and included in the Milwaukee Parade of Homes during National Home Week, this house sells for \$18,800 including the lot, \$17,000 without the lot. The house features Thermopane windows in the living room, a built-in dressing table and tile bathroom. The wardrobe closets and guest closet just inside the entrance are equipped with sliding doors. Kitchen floor is linoleum, and others, except the bath, are oak. The house has a full basement and a large fireplace equipped with a concealed screen. A built-in magazine rack is a feature of the small bedroom.

## Skillful Use Made of Exterior Materials



ATTRACTIVE small house is expandable by developing electrically wired attic

**B**UILT by The Daffo Co., Dayton, Ohio, and designed by Highland & Highland of Buffalo, this 1½ story house can accommodate two bedrooms on the upper story. The house includes a Bendix washer dryer, a Mullinaider garbage grinder, tile bath and shower unit. An unusual heating system has a horizontal stainless steel furnace in the attic. It is a gas blower type with Amnestat registers in the ceiling and cold air ducts in the floor and risers in the walls. Installation is more expensive, but does away with ducts and eliminates practically everything but the water heater from the utility room.

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**Wood Gutter**—"Wolmanized" pressure-treated wood gutter is manufactured in 3x4, 4x4, 4x5 and 4x6-inch sizes for use in varying roof areas. American Lumber and Treating Co., 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 4, Ill. are the manufacturers.



**Floor Sander**—Super 8 model of American Floor Surfacing Machine Co., Toledo 3, Ohio, features variable speed pulley arrangement which gives operator any selection of drum rpm from 1600 to 2800. Has 2 HP motor.



**Twin Attic Fan**—Unit is produced in four capacity ratings by American Coolair Corp., Jacksonville, Fla. Especially suited for installation in cramped spaces, such as narrow hallways. Incorporates patented Coolair features.



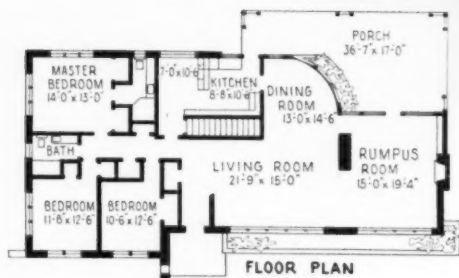
**Translucent Sheets**—Alsynite, made of Fiberglas with resin binder, is used for windows, skylights, patio roofs and other decorative purposes. Alsynite Co. of America, 4654 De Soto St., San Diego, Calif., are the manufacturers.



**Diesel Tractor**—HD-20 introduced by Tractor Division, Allis-Chalmers, Milwaukee, Wis., weighs 41,800 pounds, has new 2-cycle GM 6-110 Diesel engine. Three-stage hydraulic converter eliminates most gear shifting. All steel construction.

## Blends with terrain, wooded background

**N**OVEL and interesting use of the large space divided into living, rumpus and dining areas, and glass walls on two elevations, plus the inclusion of three bedrooms and two baths are outstanding features of this plan. Outside, the ventilated wing-wall near the entry provides mass and breaks long horizontal line. Designed by Robert G. McMahon and built by Burt Weneker, Clayton, Mo., house is priced at \$45,000.



**TO OBTAIN** three bedrooms, and a bath and adequate closet space for the master bedroom, the latter is smaller than usual. Note the very large porch off the living and rumpus rooms, and entrance to porch from kitchen for convenience in outside dining. Also, note planting boxes outside the front rooms and dining room. Short wingwall is effective in providing an entryway just inside the front door. Roof pitches are interesting.

## House for a Growing Family



**ATTIC SPACE** permits future development of one or two bedrooms. Note artistic application of dark vertical siding on front.

**B**UILT in Ridge-wood, N. J., from plans by Maniscalco & Hecker, this house is for sale by Reliable Homes, headed by Ralph Carletta. Price is \$10,990. House includes full basement. Construction is dry-wall with papered walls and painted ceilings. Specifications include Copco steel windows, both Schlage and Yale & Towne hardware, Timken oil burner, Flintkote roofing. Standard Sanitary fixtures, Dutch Boy paint, and Busch Bros. ventilating fan. Bathroom floor is tile, kitchen is linoleum, and other floors are oak. Millwork and trim are white pine, doors are flush type, and insulation is two inches of mineral wool.



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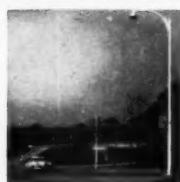
**Packaged Attic Fan**—Ventura attic fan is designed especially for vertical operation in homes with low-bridged attics. Has aluminum grille which opens and closes automatically. American Blower Corp., Detroit 32, Mich.



**Glass Door Lock**—Series 0161 of the Adams Rite Mfg. Co., Glendale, Calif., takes place of two locks. Can be installed in any tempered glass door top or bottom channel. Handle operates bolts in sequence; cylinder locks handle.



**Door Grille**—Grille and knocker combination has "one-way vision"—achieved with set-in mirror. Person outside can be identified, but can't see in. Ajax Hardware Mfg. Corp., 4351 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles 32, Calif.



**Aluminum Poles**—Light poles, constructed of Alcoa aluminum alloys by Union Metal Mfg. Co., 1400 Maple Ave., N.E., Canton 5, Ohio, are of tapered octoflute design. Bracket arms, bases and fittings are also aluminum.



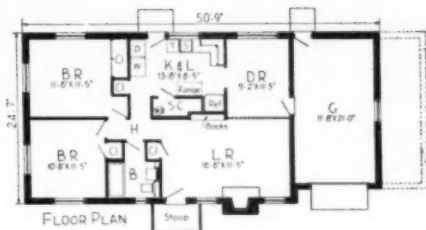
**Boiler Burner**—"Bantam," produced by the Aldrich Co., Wyoming, Ill., has ratings of 100,000 B.T.U. per hour; 440 square feet hot water standing radiation; 285 square feet steam standing radiation. Forty-three inches high.

## Variety thru roof and window changes

**B**UILT to sell for \$10,700 including the lots, these houses, designed by Donald D. Bolinger and built by W. A. Finns in Dayton, Ohio, have identical floor plans. The difference in appearance was accomplished by a major change in the roof, and minor changes in the entrance and some of the windows. Two different kinds of brick were used.

The houses are without basements, and heat is supplied by 100,000 B.T.U. Lennox furnaces installed in the attics above the storage closet, located between the kitchen and the living room. An interesting touch is a card table slot under the book shelves in the living room. The rear entrance to the garage is an aid in the storage of garden hose and tools.

Interesting wrought iron patterns for the front porch railings were developed to give individuality to the entrances of the houses. When desired the fireplace can be located at the end of the room, with the chimney in the garage.



COMPACT plan places particular emphasis on efficiency in the layout of area used for kitchen, utility and storage.



BEDROOM windows in house at left are shorter than those in one above. Horizontal lines of roofs are accentuated.

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**Refrigerator**—General Air Conditioning Corp., 4542 E. Dunham St., Los Angeles 23, Calif. Four-cubic-foot General Executive refrigerator with flame grain mahogany finish is ideal for hotel rooms, apartments, home bars, offices, etc.



**Floor Sander**—Hilco automatic "8" and "12" machines feature two operating speeds; "undercutting" principle with upstroke action; forward-backward "shift." Convert to manual operation. The Hilger Co., St. Cloud, Minn.



**Automatic Nailer**—Magnetic-feed, hand-driven nailer is simply adjusted for different types of nailing. Flat head, common nails or brads are loaded in hopper. Made for heavy duty. Holt Mfg. Co., 651 20th St., Oakland, Calif.



**School Buildings**—Steel-ox buildings are prefabricated by Armco Drainage, Inc., Middletown, Ohio, of patented 18- and 20-gage steel, two to three times heavier than ordinary galvanized roofing. Painting is only maintenance.

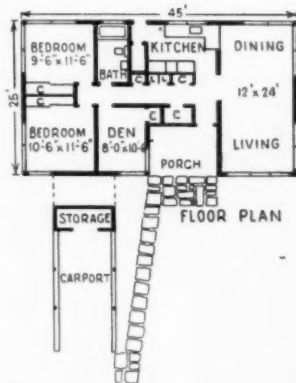


**Washer**—Standard Model 3006 of Apex Electrical Mfg. Co., Cleveland 10, Ohio, is equipped with fiberglass "Bouncing Basket" agitator. Designed for low-cost installation on cement floors, self-service laundries, utility rooms, etc.



RUSTIC fence, glass front wall, shoulder-high sliding sash and good roof lines combine to give attractive exterior appearance

## Modern House for Conventional Neighborhood



FRONT entryway and adequate closet space are features of this compact plan

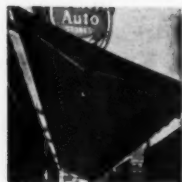
**B**UILT and exhibited at Seaford, L.I., N.Y. by Norman Zaret, this is one of 22 houses in Seaford Woods, 19 of which were sold. Roof construction is standard Teco trusses, spaced two feet, o.c. Interior partitions all non-bearing. Specifications include

Kwikset hardware, Chase copper plumbing, Portmar boiler, Flintkote asphalt roofing, Reynolds reflective and U.S.G. mineral wool insulation, Briggs bathroom fixtures, Kentile flooring, Pratt & Lambert paint, Hotpoint range and refrigerator.



VIEW FROM other side of front shows artistic plan and location of carport

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**Store Awnings**—Store front awnings manufactured by The Astrup Co., 2937 W. 25th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio, feature installation method using lateral type arms. Firm's awnings are made in a wide variety of colors and patterns.



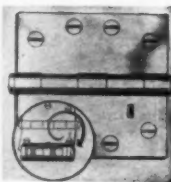
**Defroster Unit**—Improvements in De-Frost Automatic unit, announced by Automatic Controls Corp., Ann Arbor, Mich., include a "Skip Defrost" adjustment and an adjustable defrosting cycle of from one to 10 hours.



**Aluminum Awning**—Awn-air unit has adjustable louvers, operated by small knob inside window. Mac-tene finish washes clean and also reflects light and heat. Produced by Awnair Corp. of America, 303 Monroe St., Passaic, N.J.



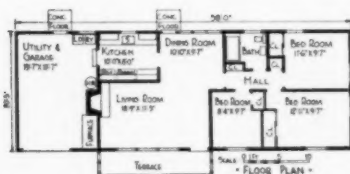
**Plastic Wall Tile**—Hoko Coronet is a 4 1/4 x 4 1/4-inch Polystyrene wall tile with "pillow" face design. Wide, slow bevel on all edges terminates .002-inch in flush fitting built edge. Hachmeister Inc., 2332 Forbes St., Pittsburgh, Pa.



**Steel-Bushed Hinge**—Door weight on Hager hinge swings on case-hardened, cadmium-plated steel bushings, extending full length of each knuckle. Has steel pin with brass tip. C. Hager & Sons Hinge Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo.

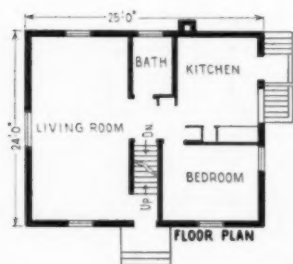


## Horizontal Lines Broken By Color Accent



WITH a garage 13 feet, 7 inches wide, Pitman Home Building Co., Tacoma, Wash., was able to include three bedrooms in about 1050 square feet of living area by locating utilities and the chimney in the garage. The house sells for \$11,950, and includes automatic sprinkling system, Modernfold doors, Lennox air conditioning oil-burning heater, automatic garbage disposal, full landscaping, tile bath.

## Easy to Sell



ONE OF the fastest selling houses exhibited during National Home Week in Chicago is this expansible studio-living room model designed by William Parker Whitney, and built by W. C. McLennan & Co. Stairway leading up from first floor is to open gallery between knee walls



WHAT would otherwise be a monotonous unrelieved front is broken and given character with the use of dark color tones and protruding wing lattices



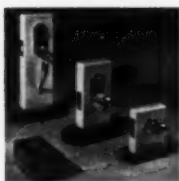
FIXED SHUTTERS, wrought iron rail, decorative fascia make front attractive

above kitchen and bedroom. Ceiling of living room follows contour of roof. Added bedroom can be provided by closing gallery. Third bedroom can be added by extending first floor ceiling across living room. House has full basement. Studio window in living room is plus feature.

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**Gas Range**—Among standard features of Hardwick Model 5506 is extra storage capacity provided by over-size storage bin with convenient swing door; and roll-out broiler drawer. Manufactured by Hardwick Stove Co., Cleveland, Tenn.



**Builders Hardware**—New line announced by Harloc Products Corp., New Haven, Conn., features precision-built tubular latch. Included in the line is the Harloc, a completely reversible push button set which is fully automatic.



**Aluminum Paint**—A new general-purpose, ready-mixed aluminum paint with a high chrome luster, "Alumichrom," has been introduced by Hastings and Co., Inc., 2316 Market St., Philadelphia 3, Pa. Has good coverage; is quick-drying.

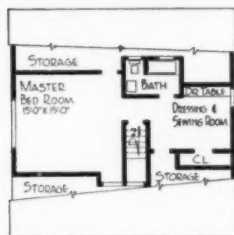


**Water Cooler**—Newest addition to line of Haws Drinking Faucet Co., Berkeley 10, Calif., is electric cooler for restaurant and cafeteria use. Cabinet is of white enamel with stainless steel top, trays, water stations.

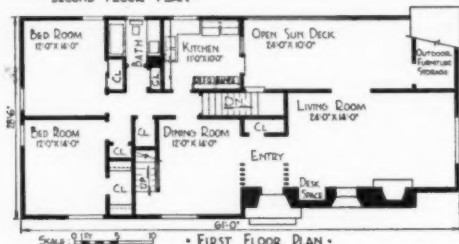


**Thermostat Cover**—Cover redesigned for The Heil Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis., is finished in golden harvest color, with front panel of simulating unit it serves. Will be standard equipment for all Heil KF-O, KF-1 and KF-2 units.

## House Adapted to Site



• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •

UNIQUE architectural styling fits house for location in wooded, rolling terrain in lake country. Large lots assure owner of privacy



COMBINING conventional and modern design features, and using modern materials and appliances, the Silver Lake Construction Co., Oglethorpe University, Ga., created this house to exhibit during National Home Week. Partial basement includes a two-car garage, heating unit and laundry. Second floor includes master bedroom, sewing room and full bath. Storage for outdoor furniture is provided at the end of the sun deck, and a novel feature is recessed desk space in the living room.

## Bungalow Ranch Type Proves Popular Exhibit



DESIGNED by Laurence Schwall & Associates, Evanston, Ill., and built for exhibit and sale by the B. Stromberg Construction Co., this house has a number of unusual features which made it one of the most popular exhibits during National Home Week. Chief among these is a metal flower container in the living room, fireplace set at an angle to the living room wall and hearth in line with wall, Revolvero closet, flower box in the entry, outside Majestic fireplace and grill on the porch, tile bathrooms and engineered wardrobes. The house has a full basement, and walks are unconnected precast slabs.



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •

ACTIVITIES ROOM with accordion door can be used as extension of living room or third bedroom. French doors lead to porch

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**Gas Range**—Odin Stove Mfg. Co., Erie, Pa. Model A1164 deluxe six-burner, two-oven Beautyrange Aristocrat has two separate broiler drawers, electric combination clock-four-hour timer, polished aluminum pancake griddle.



**Textured Siding**—Olympic Stained Products Co., 1118 Leary Way, Seattle 7, Wash. Sidewall material 1/4-inch thick, in six and eight-inch widths and random lengths, is tongue and grooved for use on interior or exterior walls.



**Kitchenette Door**—Orchard Brothers, Inc., 63 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, N.J. Alumaroll aluminum roll-up kitchenette door has fingertip control. Unit is supplied to builder's dimensions ready to install. Has baked enamel colors, easy to clean.



**Garbage Disposer**—Plumbing Equipment Div., National Rubber Machinery Co., Akron 8, Ohio. Model 35-CS National Disposer has split-section construction to facilitate installation. Disposer stops when safety cover is removed.



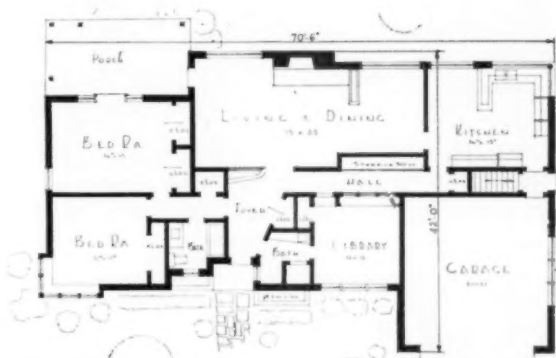
**Ventilated Awnings**—National Ventilated Awning Co., Dallas 1, Texas. Zephyr awnings are made of aluminum with baked-on enamel finish or from California redwood. Units are custom built. FHA approved, awnings admit light and air.



MOST NOTABLE characteristic of exterior is trim appearance. Note how cupola and weather vane help roof lines

## Detroit's 1951 House Beautiful

**T**YPICAL of the houses in the Grosse Pointe Farms development, near Detroit, Mich., is this one designed and built by Cox & Baker. The exterior combines artistic use of stone and pressed brick. Since the attached garage is a prominent architectural feature the door was designed with care so that it would add to the effectiveness of the front. Laundry and kitchen are completely equipped with Hotpoint appliances. Walls and ceiling of the garage are cement plastered. The foyer is enlarged by using an angled front for the guest closet. This also permits use of a planting box in the foyer. Large glass areas of the 35-foot living room look out over landscaped gardens. Hearth is slate and fireplace is stone.



INCREASINGLY popular is use of planting box between living and dining space

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**Electric Range**—Six unit double oven Lectro-Hot range, made by A. J. Lindemann and Hoverson Co., Milwaukee 7, Wis., features Vari-Speed surface cooking control, allowing unlimited heat intensities without fixed stops.



**Balcony Railing**—Locke Miniature railing is 15 inches high; available in four styles and complete range of sizes. Matches wrought iron porch columns to produce attractive decorative effect. Locke Mfg. Co., West Salem, Ohio, are the manufacturers.



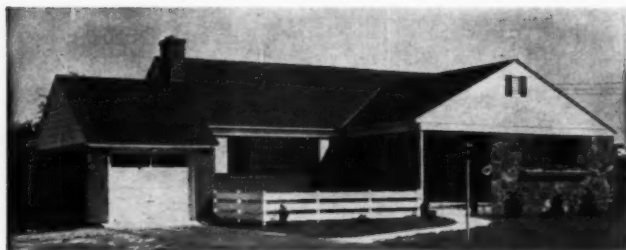
**Lock**—Bor-A-Lign lock, designed for low-cost housing by Lockwood Hardware Mfg. Co., Fitchburg, Mass., features quick installation. Aligning unit is incorporated into set. Complete assembly is held together in door with machine screws.



**Roofing Tile**—Made in various designs, textures and colors this type of tile is especially adaptable to medium-priced small home design, both modern and conventional. Ludowici-Celadon Co., 104 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.



**Winch-Hoist**—Improved Lug-All 1½-ton alloy hoist, with 30-to-1 power ratio and fully tested to a 100 per cent overload, has weight of only 8½ pounds. Wide variety of uses. The Lug-All Co., 331 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood, Pa.

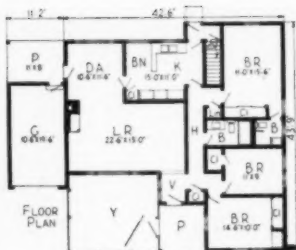


INEXPENSIVE but effective are the wired lamp post and formal white fence

## Cape Cod with Modern Influence

**F**EATURING brick, fieldstone and vertical paneling exterior, three bedrooms, two tile baths (one with glass stall shower), leather breakfast lounge, sliding closet doors, a side porch, baseboard convactor heat, and

a full basement, this house was designed by Herman H. York, architect of Jamaica, N.Y. It was built and exhibited by Bytner Construction Corp., Loudonville, N.Y., and sold for \$23,500. Among the numer-



ous convenience features is an entrance from the garage to the porch. V-grooved planking around entrance porch has eye-appeal. Fixed shutters flanking large window areas, and flower box under front bedroom window relieve coldness of stone and brick exterior. Note also effectiveness of contrasting color of shutters flanking attic louver.

## Conventional with a Distinct Modern Flavor



WINDOW DESIGN and exterior materials distinguish this house

**L**OCATED in Phelps Manor Country Club, this demonstration house was designed by Fredrick W. Harsen, architect of Tenafly, N.J., and built by John Medico and Charles Costanza, Teaneck, N.J. Specifications include Schlage locks, Chase copper

tubing, Rheem water heater, Flint-kote and Philip Carey roofing, Lightolier fixtures, Miami ventilating fan, American-Standard and Kohler plumbing fixtures, Crawford garage doors, Twindow glass in picture and bow windows, A.B.C. aluminum casement sash, Thatcher gas or oil heater, Cellulite and cotton

wool insulation. Wall finish is three coats of plaster on Rocklath. Exterior walls are native stone, brick and pre-dipped wood shingles. Base of the short partition between living and dining rooms is brick two feet, six inches high. Top is a flower box, and fluted glass extends to receptacle for concealed lights above.

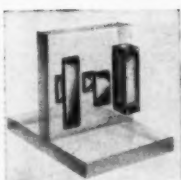
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**Water Repellent**—Kay Tile Co., West Orange N. J. or 1717 Westlake Ave., North Seattle 9, Wash. Used to protect porous masonry against water seepage, above or below grade. Available in yellow, cream, buff, green, and other colors.



**Plaster-Mortar Mixer**—Kwik-Mix Co., Port Washington, Wis. Kwik-Mix 6 cu. ft. capacity has a semi-power tilt arrangement to cut down manual effort in tilting the drum. Single cylinder air-cooled gasoline engine, or electric power.



**Modern Handles**—Laboratory Equipment Corp., St. Joseph, Mich. Leco handles are made of die casting, require one screw for attaching. Will not turn or twist. Chrome or gold type finish. Easily installed, new in design.



**Aluminum Nail**—Nichols Wire & Aluminum Co., 1725 Rockingham Rd., Davenport, Iowa. Made in accordance with FHA requirements, nails are etched to remove grease and oil and increase holding power. Strong and rust-proof.



**Oil or Gas-Fired Furnace**—Ko-Z-Aire, Inc., Red Oak, Iowa. Model 90-CFO unit, counter-flow, has B.T.U. input of 106,300. Discharges warm air through opening in base of cabinet into warm air pit or plenum for perimeter heating. AGA-approved.

# Small City Lumber Dealer Spearheads Local Home Week

**Demonstrates that National Home Week can be a great success in community with no permanent building industry organization**



W. H. TROUP, Kankakee, Ill., dealer

**T**WO COMPLETELY furnished new houses visited by 10,000 people in a city with a population only several times that figure is the sparkling contribution made to National Home Week by Kankakee, Ill. The little city, located about 60 miles southeast of Chicago, has no strictly local organization of builders, dealers or realtors. The nearest approach is the county real estate board.

Interest was generated to such an extent by William H. Troup, who spark-plugged the event, that two local builders, many realtors, the local American Legion Post, and very importantly, the Kankakee Daily Journal, all lent tangible support.

When Troup, who heads H. H. Troup & Co., lumber and building materials dealer in Kankakee, heard about National Home Week through *American Builder* and inquired for further information about how to proceed, he was sent a manual of operation. First, he contacted two of his builder customers, H. P. Jensen and Wesley Johnson, and explained the idea to them. He exhibited two plans, one which he designed himself, and the other a Weyerhaeuser 4-Square plan. Jensen agreed to take Troup's plan, and Johnson the Weyerhaeuser plan.

Troup then went to the county real estate board. Acceptance by the board was instantaneous. They agreed to promote the event with radio and newspaper advertising. Among the outstanding results were more than a score of pages about

building in eight issues of the Journal. The agreement with the real estate board was that while no effort was to be made to sell the houses during the Week, if they were sold during that time the entire commis-

sion would go to the board. If the homes were sold after Week closed one-half the commission would go to the board and the other half to the agent. The Troup house was sold during the week.



KANKAKEE Daily Journal photo of first of 10,000 visitors to demonstration homes

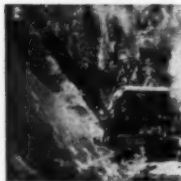
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**Gas Furnace**—New model 68 by Perfection Stove Co., Cleveland 4, Ohio, has 3-stage fire and 2-speed blower. Input of 125,000 B.T.U. Compactly constructed, furnace is 45 inches deep, 38½ inches wide and 53 inches high.



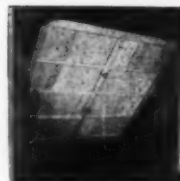
**Electric Range**—Cooking top of 36-inch Model 1036 range of Perfection Stove Co., Cleveland 4, Ohio, is one-piece turret type. Work space is in center, with two fast-heating double-coil Chromalox units on each side. Has automatic controls.



**Log-Loading Crane**—Osgood Model 825 machine is powered by GM 6-71 diesel engine with torque converter. Has firm's standard air control and air cushion clutches; is equipped with independent boomhoist. The Osgood Co., Marion, Ohio.



**Aluminum Window**—Horizontal sliding window by Peterson Window Corp., 1377 E. Mile Rd., Ferndale 20, Mich., is made of Alcoa 635-T5 alloy. Consists of fixed sash and sliding sash supported on two stainless steel rollers. Easily installed.



**Upward-Acting Door**—E-Z Swing No. 800 garage door requires no overhead clearance. Made of grained exterior plywood by Phenix Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 12, Wis. Has metal weatherstripping, automobile-type lock in the door handle.



Lots for the houses were purchased from W. J. Charlton, real estate board president. The houses were designed to demonstrate plus values in houses priced to the low-income pocketbook.

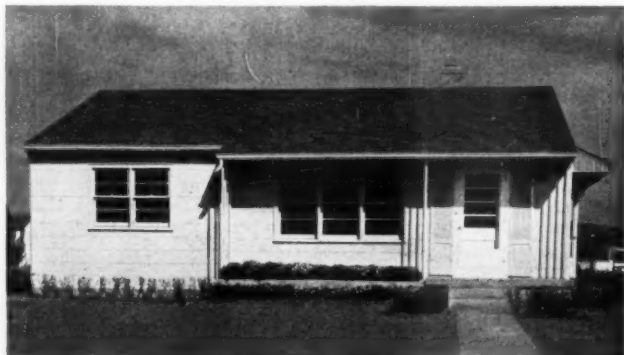
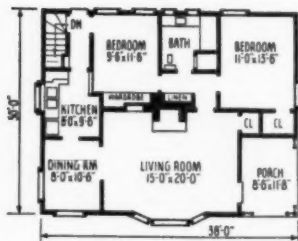
Specifications for the houses included Eljer fixtures, Morgan sash-type trim, Yale & Towne hardware, A. O. Smith water heater, Dura-Seal windows, Formica counter tops, Andersen utility type windows in the

corners and Macklanburg-Duncan sliding door hardware. Heat is from an oil-fired furnace. The houses were priced at \$12,400.

Actually, the population of Kankakee is only about 25,000, with an added 15,000 living in adjacent smaller towns. The success of the venture in Kankakee proves that National Home Week is a practical and beneficial demonstration of sound home building in any community.

The Weyerhaeuser house was the first demonstration house of any kind ever built by Wesley Johnson, who is already planning to participate in 1951.

The Chamber of Commerce, the furniture dealer, Troup, the builders and realtors and all others agree that the event was well worth while both as to immediate results and long-range public relations for the home building and furnishing industry.



WEYERHAEUSER 4-Square home on exhibit as photographed by Kankakee Daily Journal

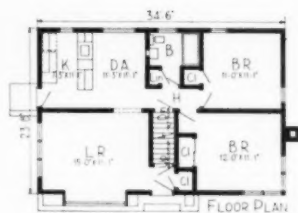
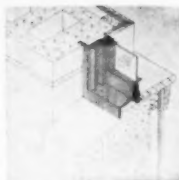


EXHIBIT home designed by W. H. Troup, lumber dealer. Photo by Kankakee Daily Journal

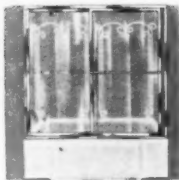
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**Electric Range**—Universal "Select-A-Range" provides flexible planning with three complete units—oven, surface cooking unit, and storage cabinet—which can be installed separately. Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, Conn., are the manufacturers.



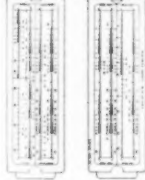
**Aluminum Window**—Double hung window by Lesud Engineering Co., Clayton, Ga., has new type frame with a flange about the complete periphery. Installation is especially adapted to concrete block, jumbo brick and frame wall.



**Shower Enclosure**—Improved "Roll-Door" enclosure, developed by Lehman Sprayfield Co., Philadelphia 40, Pa., has chromium-plated solid bronze frames, and can be glazed with a choice of clear, obscure or decorated glass.



**Gravity Gas Furnace**—Lennox GNI series for basement installation comes in 60,000, 80,000 and 105,000 B.T.U. sizes, is of all-steel construction. Body and radiator are welded gas-tight. AGA-approved. Lennox Furnace Co., Marshalltown, Ia.



**Slide Rule**—7 x 2 1/4-inch rule for designing reinforced concrete beams and slabs, sets graduated slide on known quantities. Applicable for all design stress values. Seymour Lester, 7706 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood 46, Calif., is the manufacturer.



CORRECT nailing is one of the essentials of any good framing job

## CORRECT NAILING IN FRAMING

A good framing job not only means selecting the right grades of material and good craftsmanship in cutting that material to fit, but also requires the use of the right types, sizes and number of nails at all points



**I**N FRAMING any wood structure the strength of the building is dependent on how well the parts and elements are fastened together. It is important to know the sizes of the nails to use, the number to use and where they should be placed to fortify the structure to withstand the forces that the parts must resist to keep the whole rigid and plumb.

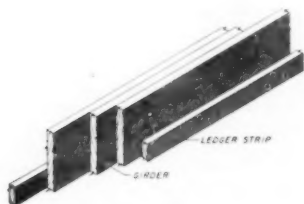
When nails are driven into green wood and pulled before any drying takes place, the withdrawal resist-

This is the second in the series on Construction Lumber. Glued laminated framing members will be discussed in February, and recommended framing practices in farm buildings will be covered in the March issue.

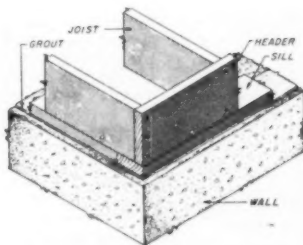
Much of the source material and all of the drawings for this article on Correct Nailing in Framing were obtained from the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory and the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

ance for practically all species of wood will run somewhat higher than that for nails driven in seasoned wood and pulled immediately. However, if nails are driven into green wood and seasoning takes place before they are pulled, most types of nails lose a large part of their holding power in the common softwoods. This is another very important point in favor of using well-seasoned lumber for framing structures.

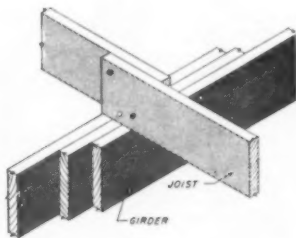
A good quality coating will in-



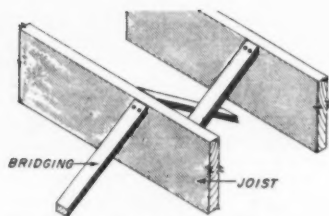
LEDGER strip is nailed to girder with three 20-penny nails near each joist position. With accepted spans and joist spacing, this will support a concentrated load of 300 pounds at any point, or a uniformly distributed load of 50 pounds per sq. ft.



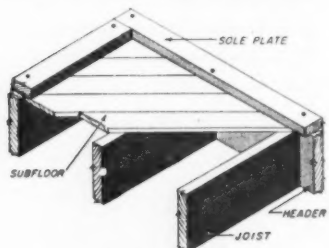
THE HEADER joist should be nailed to the other joists with 20-penny nails—three to the end joist and two to the others. The end and header joists also should be toenailed to the sill with 10-penny nails spaced approximately 16 inches on center



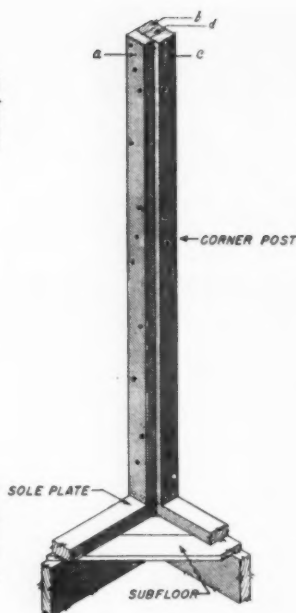
JOISTS bearing on a girder or a partition should be nailed together with two 10-penny nails. Where the joists rest on a wood girder, the joists should be toenailed to the girder with one 10-penny nail on each side of the pair of floor joists



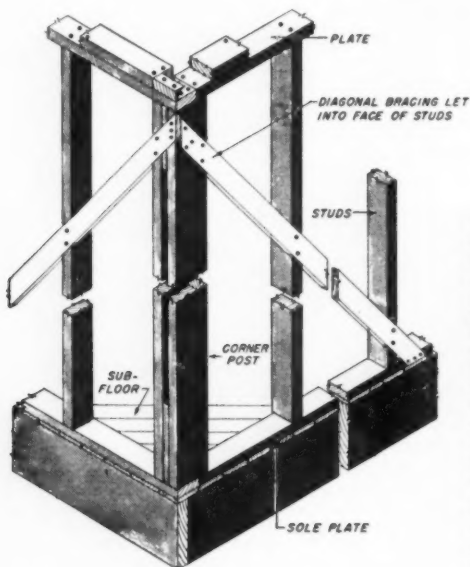
EACH piece of bridging is nailed at each end with two 8-penny nails. Nailing of bottom ends is deferred until after placement of subfloor and, if possible, until after placement of the finished floor because then the tops of the joists are firmly set in their permanent alignment



THE SOLE plate is nailed through the subfloor to header joists and regular joists with 16-penny nails staggered as shown. The sole plate over the end joist is nailed through the subfloor to the joist with 16-penny nails spaced 16 inches on center. For nailing plates on which rafters bear, see drawing on the next page



CORNER post nailing is important. Stud (a) is nailed to studs (b) and (c) with 10-penny nails staggered 12 inches and to each filler block (d) with one 10-penny nail. Studs (b) and (c) are each nailed to each filler block with three 10-penny nails. The corner post is toenailed to the sole plate with two 8-penny nails on each of the faces

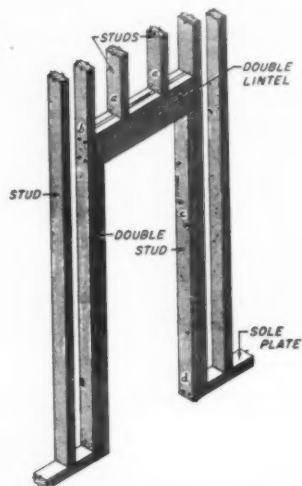


THE LOWER part of the top plate is nailed to each stud and corner post with two 16-penny nails. The upper half of the plate is nailed to the lower with 10-penny nails, two near the end of each piece, the others staggered 16 inches apart. Corner braces are fitted into notches in faces of framing members and nailed at each stud with not less than two 10-penny nails, and at ends with three 10-penny nails

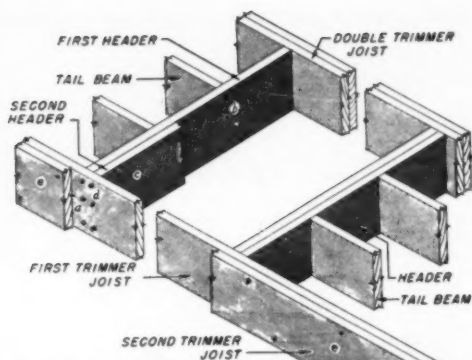
crease the resistance of nails to withdrawal immediately after driving 85 to 100 per cent or more as compared with plain nails. This percentage runs higher in lighter woods than in the heavier species. Research shows, however, that after a coated nail has been in a piece of wood for a month or so it has only about one-half as much resistance to pull as it had when it was first driven.

Generally a nail with a long sharp point will have a higher holding power than one with the common point. This is particularly true in softwoods. If a species has a tendency to split, however, this tendency is accentuated by a sharp point with a consequent possible reduction in holding power. It is good practice to use the common nail with ordinary species of framing lumber.

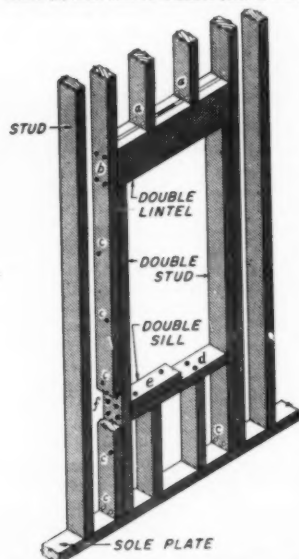
In regular pulling tests nails have a maximum resistance to withdrawal when driven perpendicular to the grain of the wood. As the angle becomes less, the resistance to pull in softwoods decreases until, when it is driven parallel to the grain, (into



IN FRAMING the door opening of a wall or a partition, studs (a) above the opening are toenailed to each part of the lintel with 10-penny nails. The long studs (b) are nailed to ends of each part of lintel with two 10-penny nails and toenailed to the sole plate with two 10-penny nails. The double studs (c) are nailed together with 10-penny nails spaced 16 inches and staggered as shown. Studs alongside the opening (d) are nailed into the end of the sole plate with two 10-penny nails. Note that studs supporting the lintel do not rest on sole plate but set on subfloor and joists

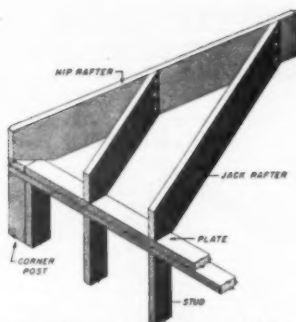


FLOOR opening nailing with headers and trimmers is as follows: (a) Nail through first trimmer joists into ends of first headers with three 20-penny nails. (b) Nail through first headers into ends of tail beams with three 20-penny nails. (c) Nail second headers to first with 16-penny nails spaced six inches longitudinally and placed near top and near bottom, alternately. (d) Nail through first trimmer into ends of second header with three 20-penny nails. (e) Nail second trimmer joist to first

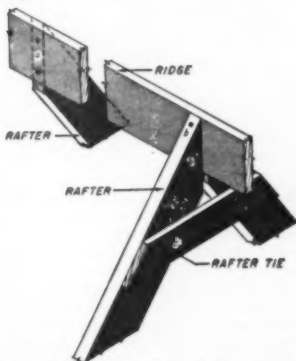


IN WINDOW opening, studs (a) above are toenailed to lintel with 10-penny nails. Long studs (b) are nailed to ends of each part of lintel with two 10-penny nails. Double studs (c) are nailed together with 10-penny nails spaced 18 inches, staggered, and toenailed to sole plate with four 10-penny nails, two from each side. Lower part of sill member (d) is nailed to each stud below it with two 10-penny nails. Upper part of sill (e) is nailed to lower part with 10-penny nails, staggered 8 inches apart. Studs (f) alongside opening are nailed to each part of sill member with two 10-penny nails.

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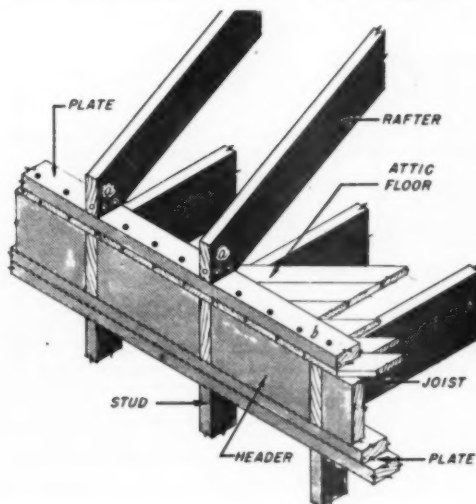
ORDINARY 2x6 jack rafters should be nailed to hip rafter with three 10-penny nails.



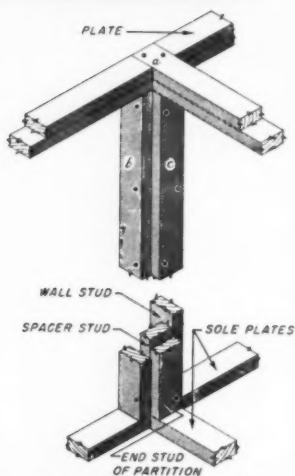
with 16-penny nails spaced six inches longitudinally and placed near top and near bottom, alternately. This nailing will support a concentrated load of 300 pounds at any point on the floor, or uniformly distributed load of 50 pounds per square foot with spacing and span of tail beams ordinarily used in house construction, provided length of floor opening is parallel to length of joists. If length of opening is at right angles to joists, excessive loading may be brought to the junction of headers and trimmers.

BEVELED rafters (a), below, resting on plate are toenailed to the plate with five 10-penny nails, two on each side and one through the vertical cut of the rafter. The plate (b) is nailed through the attic floor to each joist with one 16-penny nail and to headers or header joist with 16-penny nails spaced four inches on centers. Additional security against uplift, if needed, may be attained by use of steel straps, well nailed.

THE RIDGE (a) is nailed to the first rafter of a pair with two nails (10-penny for 1-inch ridge or 16-penny for 2-inch ridge). The second rafter (b) of a pair is nailed through its top edge to the ridge with one 10-penny nail and toenailed to the ridge with one 10-penny nail. The rafter tie or collar beam (c) is nailed to each rafter with four 10-penny nails.



# LUMBER Construction



IN CONNECTING a partition to a wall, the upper member (a) of the partition plate is nailed to lower (continuous) member of wall studs with two 16-penny nails. Wall studs (b) are nailed to the spacer stud with 16-penny nails 12 inches on centers. The end stud (c) of the partition is nailed to the spacer stud with 10-penny nails staggered with about 12 inches between the nails

(the end of a piece) the holding power drops to between 50 and 75 per cent of that obtained when the nail is driven perpendicular to the grain. The results of tests at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, however, on slant driving as compared with straight driving show, when a piece attached is pulled directly away from the other, that: (1) When driven into

green material and pulled immediately, straight driving is superior; (2) When driven into dry material and pulled immediately, slant driving is superior; (3) When driven into green or partially dry material and allowed to season for a month or more, slant driving is decidedly superior. Cross slant driving of groups of nails is better than parallel slant driving when the strain or load tends to pull two pieces apart.

For resistance to lateral displacement or shear, laboratory tests show that nails driven perpendicular to the grain give maximum resistance. Nails driven parallel to the grain (into the end) have only about 65 per cent of the resistance to lateral displacement of nails driven perpendicular to the grain.

The aftermaths of high winds and storms illustrate dramatically the importance of correct nailing and fastening for frame structures, particularly houses. Many well-nailed and well-constructed wood buildings have survived for decades the severe weather cycles and the occasional storms of hurricane proportions that occur in many parts of the country. On the other hand, under severe storm conditions, houses with inadequate nailing often separate into parts or even into individual pieces of framing, few of which are actually broken. This demonstrates that the weakness was in the nailing rather than in the wood parts themselves. Surveys following storm damage show that houses standing intact and plumb amid broken trees and the wreckage of neighboring houses are invariably those which, in addition to other features of good construction, are adequately nailed.

There is considerable variation in

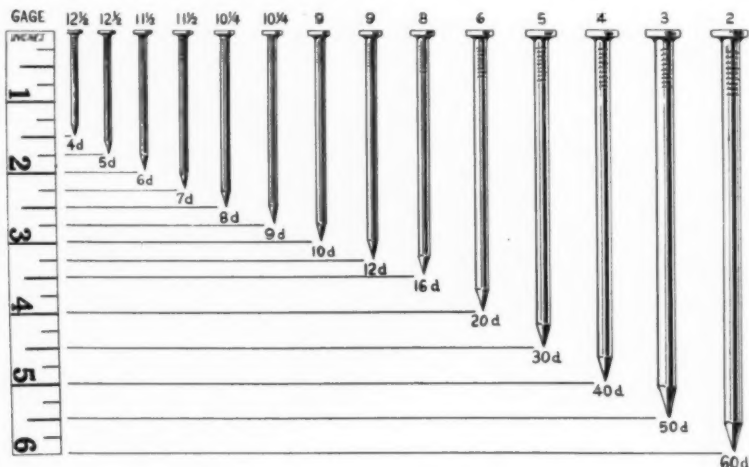
nailing practices because of the difference in opinion as to what constitutes correct nailing on frame houses, even within limited areas. The species of wood used in framing will require no change in nailing except at the more critical joints. In those places, if woods of comparatively low density such as Engelmann spruce, northern cedar, and cottonwood are used, an increase in the number or size of nails is necessary to compensate for their lower nail-holding power.

In most joints in house construction one piece tends to slide on an adjacent one because of the loads or forces met. Resistance of nails to such forces is lateral. Nails through trimmer joists into the ends of headers, nails through headers into the ends of tail beams, nails attaching ledger strips to girders, are subjected to such loads or forces.

Lateral resistance of nails attaching wall sheathing or interior wall coverings of sheet materials to the frame comes into action in resisting forces that tend to rack the wall and in carrying the weights of such materials. Lateral resistance of nails also works against the horizontal thrust of rafters attached to ceiling joists or to plates.

The other manner in which nails are stressed or loaded is in direct pull or withdrawal. Nails attaching covering materials to the lower edges of joists or rafters are stressed in direct pull by the weights of those materials. Similar stress is induced by warping, by vibration, and by wind suction. Ordinarily, when sufficient lateral resistance has been provided, ample resistance to direct pull will be present.

No matter how well a house is nailed, however, it is not adequately protected against unusual pressures from storms and high winds unless it is firmly attached to the foundation. This was discussed and illustrated on page 122, December *American Builder*.



COMMON wire nail sizes—length and gage. The nails shown are drawn to exactly one-half size



# What's Ahead For Building?

## A cross-section of opinions from the industry



**E. M. SPIEGEL, Builder,  
New Brunswick, N.J.**

"Our industry can be expected to face innumerable problems during the year 1951. It will be a critical year in which we will first have to determine the true impact of Regulation X. Evidence already at hand in our area indicates that few new projects are being started and those only on very modest scales."

"Many thousands of units will be started in early spring which are exempt from Regulation X and I believe that these will be priced slightly higher than our 1950 prices, because of higher material and labor costs, and delays in construction because of shortages of certain items."

"Material limitation orders already issued by the National Production Authority indicate that there will be great need for development of substitute materials for the industry."

"It is to be hoped that our government will be receptive to evidence which the industry will offer to substantiate our contention that Regulation X is unduly severe, and that relaxation of the regulation will avoid a serious breakdown of the housing program."



**MRS. HENNY MOLLGAARD, Builder,  
Milwaukee, Wis.**

"U.S. Labor Dept. reports all time high in employment. Stock market highest in 20 years. Curtailment of use of metal for private industry. All industries receive wage increases. With these important factors to guide us, it is impossible to conceive anything but a continued increase in building activities for 1951. The prospective home owner remembers well the critical shortages of material, the terrific increase in prices and the lack of homes available. In his words—'He doesn't want to be caught this time.' The investor is worried about the diminishing buying power of his dollars and is scrambling to purchase rental units, preferably new ones."

"This prophecy holds true, however, only without additional government controls. If the government establishes controls, the demand for housing of any kind will be only slightly reduced as the investor still has his money and would then be even more anxious to buy at any price, and there are many such investors. Only the G.I. and the young couples starting out will be eliminated from the market."

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**A. O. ALDRICH, Builder,  
Franklin Park, Ill.**

"Our industry is facing a most critical period and builders are proceeding with caution. The question in every builder's mind is—will there be sufficient materials and labor to complete their scheduled program?"

"Credit restrictions for the speculative builder will cut deeply into the total. Whether or not the Korean War is ended soon, commitments being made by our Federal government will use a tremendous amount of scarce materials. The Armed Services will cut deeply into the man-power. Surveys indicate that the purchase and development of land for home building purposes is at a low mark."

"The Chicago area is short on living quarters. We are in a high cost area and the larger down payment required under Regulation X will reduce the output of homes. While the desire for home ownership is strong and much needed, I can only conclude that the 1951 production of homes will be much less than our share of the maximum of 850,000 as indicated for the country at large by the Federal government."



**WALTER J. SHAPTER, JR., Builder,  
Columbus, Ohio**

"The small wage earner's great dream of home ownership paid out of income has been destroyed."

"The full force of Regulation X will not be felt in this area during the first six months of 1951, because of the large volume of 608 Rental Units already under construction, and the GI 5 per cent down on small homes committed and started before October 12, 1950."

"There has been an 80 per cent drop in FHA applications since October 12, as compared to the same period last year."

"Advanced planning of new subdivisions has practically stopped, and the supply of improved building sites has disappeared."

"As I see it now, we will carry full activity into the first six months of 1951, then in the absence of advanced planning, home building will come to a halt."

"We in the Columbus area have produced 5,000 units in 1950, will produce 2,500 units in the first half of 1951, and after that our great industry (the second largest in the country) will be crippled."

### BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW



**Bevel Trim Tool**—North American Products Co., 3100 W. Cherry St., Milwaukee 8, Wis. For finish operations on laminated plastic tops. Up to 15 times faster than hand finishing. Guide prevents marring finished strip. Has carbide-tipped blades.



**Circulator Fireplace**—The Majestic Co., Huntington, Ind. Delivers heat in constant even flow. Cool air drawn in at floor level, heated as it circulates inside unit. Warm air is expelled through grilles at top. Use any mantle design.



**Metal Drawer Support**—The Extension Drawer Support Co., 3727 Broadway Place, Los Angeles 7, Calif. New Standard unit consists of four right-angle pieces of metal. Drawers can be fully opened. Eliminates need for center or side guides.



**Pallet Racks and Shelves**—American Sales Engineers, Dept. 98, 141 W. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit 3, Mich. Prefabricated racks and shelves eliminate bolting or welding in joining beds and uprights. Wide variety of deck material available.



**Packaged Water System**—The Lancaster Pump and Mfg. Co., Inc., Lancaster, Pa. Operates in either deep or shallow wells, in 1/4, 1/3 and 1/2 H.P. sizes with capacities up to 840 G.P.H. Mounted on 15 or 30 gallon horizontal or vertical tanks.



**LOUIS C. BURGNER, Builder,**  
La Jolla, Calif.

"I believe that the Federal government should be supported in its material and credit controls program. However, the credit controls imposed by Regulation X are too drastic, and it is the consensus among the builders in San Diego that these controls should be modified.

"It is my opinion that the effect of Regulation X will not be drastically felt in the San Diego area until March or April of 1951. Quite naturally this Regulation at the moment has given speculative builders, who are developing large tracts of land, great concern.

"At the present time, we feel that in San Diego there will be a constantly increasing and healthy demand for new houses, especially in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 brackets, which has to a degree been more or less neglected in the past."

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**A. H. M. GRAVES, Builder,**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

"The builders in our area are in a state of confusion. The first ten months of this year 5,500 dwelling units were built, a 26 per cent increase over the same period of last year. Plans were made to continue this through 1951, but now that the building business is being controlled and will possibly be controlled more, most planning for the future is at a standstill until the full effects of the controls can be ascertained. Since July the applications for FHA and GI loans have decreased about 50 per cent, which would indicate that the smaller home has been penalized by the controls.

"The medium and higher priced homes should not be affected too much by the controls as most of them have been financed with conventional loans and the down payment required was more than the present control payment."

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**C. A. THOMPSON, Retail Lumber Dealer**  
Champaign, Ill.

"My comments are based on the assumption and very real hope that our United States will be engaged in no more of a shooting war than we are at the present time. Otherwise no comments are needed. With the tightening of financing controls as we have at the present time, I would guess that new home construction in this area would be cut approximately 20 to 30 per cent. With this decrease it is questionable if a further reduction will occur due to scarcity of materials. I anticipate that shortages will be in certain key materials, and will not directly affect our supply to a marked degree. For this reason our over-all volume may not be reduced in like ratio to the reduction of new housing.

"I look on Regulation X as an alternative to price control such as we had under OPA, though I am against such price control except in the strictest emergency."



**JOHN W. DAIN, Retail Lumber Dealer,**  
Mahopac, N.Y.

"Of course today's appraisals of the 1951 outlook for residential construction may have to be later modified. Under present conditions however, it is likely that large housing developments which made use of the maximum credit terms during 1950 will be seriously curtailed in volume through the operation of Regulation X. However, it does not appear that out around the country away from the large centers the maximum terms were generally applied. It is my opinion, therefore, that a very substantial volume of residential building will continue in 1951—and under terms of financing which in my judgment are more nearly sound. I think business, judged by prewar standards, will be excellent, indeed, in 1951. There seems to be little reason to believe that building costs can be very much reduced in 1951; in fact costs may work out slightly higher."



**LESTER HARRIS, JR., Builder,**  
Cheshire, Conn.

"Certainly it seems, we will be building less houses than in 1950. With more stringent credit controls being enacted and materials becoming more and more difficult to obtain, plus the fact that the potential home-buyer doesn't know which way to turn it looks at this moment to be a mystery year. In our area, Cheshire, Conn., we have been producing at the rate of about 50 homes per year, half of which are in the luxury \$30,000 bracket. This priced home is presently outselling our smaller \$12,000 to \$15,000 house, probably because the people in the luxury bracket have the cash required and will spend it regardless of price provided the home is what they want.

"We do not at this time look for many price increases in homes in 1951, mainly because with lower production there will be more mechanics and more rough lumber available."



**RUSSELL H. WILLIS, Builder,**  
Closter, N.J.

"No one with sureness can see twelve months ahead in the North Jersey area, but, in our view, warning signals are flying. Right now existing VA regulations have not been seriously felt because so many builders qualify under prior rules. However, when existing commitments are used up, it is our opinion that speculative builders selling above \$15,000 are likely to find tough sledding. We found it so in 1937-1938 when we were selling in the \$16,000-\$18,000 bracket. We found the same situation in 1948 with a two-story house that had been our bread and butter throughout 1945-1946 and 1947. Peoples' ideas changed in favor of ranch type, and hesitation above the \$15,000 level.

"When we are forced to shift to about 30 per cent down and twenty year payments, we look for a sharp reduction in veterans' sales."

# BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW



**Chimney Top**—The Perma-Top Co., 410 Shadyhill Rd., Pittsburgh 5, Pa. Perma-Top unit prevents down drafts and pilot flame failure caused by excessive drafts. Keeps out snow, ice, rain. Available for flues up to three feet.



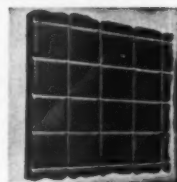
**Rotary Corner Cabinets**—Mullins Manufacturing Corp., Warren, Ohio. Youngstown units make full use of usually last corner space. Unique revolving shelves provide abundance of storage space for canned goods and other items.



**Carry-All Truck Body**—Morrison Steel Products, Inc., 601 Amherst St., Buffalo 7, N. Y. Mass-produced, all steel construction. Has 48 1/2-inch reinforced non-skid floor and extra wide compartments. Wide range of accessories.



**Medusa Cements** in new eye-catching bags—Medusa Portland Cement Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Re-designed bags feature large Medusa head, and are designed to be quickly identified. White portland cement is packed in blue and white bags.



**Tile Board**—Miratile Mfg. Co., Inc., 604 W. 81st St., Chicago 26, Ill. Low-cost Miratile, for bathrooms, powder rooms and kitchens, has appearance of real ceramic tile. Finish is non-fading, unaffected by humidity or live steam.



**JOHN WEINHART, President.**  
Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit

"An analysis made by a research of developers, builders, mortgage lenders, VA and FHA requests for normal processing indicates a decline of 62½ per cent in 1951 home building below the 1950 figure in metropolitan Detroit. A decline of 1,100 units a month below the same months in 1949 were recorded late last year. The research shows 5 per cent declines because of increased down payments, unemployment, and expectation that Regulation X will cause a price drop; 10 per cent decline because of ill-advised statements by government bureaus that if Regulation X is too severe it will be relaxed; 15 per cent because of need of time for people to adjust to new conditions; 3 per cent because of enlistments and draft; 2 per cent because of fear and uncertainty; 2½ per cent because of material shortages."



**ALAN E. BROCKBANK, Builder.**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

"The outlook for building in the inter-mountain area for 1951 is seriously affected by these factors: The elimination of 608 financing; the elimination of F.N.M.A. take-out financing; the elimination of combination F.H.A., V.A. 505 financing; the establishment of limits of service charges to the builder and/or the owner occupant; the failure of the Veterans Administration to take a realistic viewpoint on the increase rates from 4 per cent to 4½ per cent; the untimely decrease in F.H.A. interest rates to 4½ per cent. In addition to these factors (including Regulation X) there is a serious shortage of money available for mortgage financing in the west . . . interest rates are going up. Banks are having to pay more interest on savings, even government rates are increasing. There will be more building in the higher brackets in 1951."

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**CLYDE FULTON, Retail Lumber Dealer.**  
Charlotte, Mich.

"In expressing an opinion as to the coming year, I am assuming that there will be no serious intensifying of the tension in foreign affairs during the twelve months ahead. On this basis, I am looking for good business, not quite the volume enjoyed by the industry this year, but comparing very favorably with 1949. In this area, the need for homes is far from satisfied. Our farmers are prosperous and they

have always provided an excellent outlet for building material when financially able. It does not appear that we will be faced with shortages of material sufficiently serious to cause postponement of building plans. Credit restrictions will reduce the volume to some extent, but there are still great numbers of prospective home owners who have the funds necessary to meet the present requirements."



**R. F. FRITZ, Builder.**  
Minneapolis, Minn.

"With the uncertainty of general conditions and prospect of material and labor shortages for 1951, most builders in this area are not planning too far ahead. Dwelling starts for the last months of 1950 held up remarkably well, which means work that will carry along well into 1951.

"Builders who have ground that is suitable are including more of the better class homes in their programs for 1951. The sale of this type of housing does not seem to have been affected as much by Regulation X as the lower priced housing. At the present time the market for three bedroom homes seems to be particularly good, with a preference for the rambler type.

"Our program for 1951 is being set up on a basis of about 75 per cent of our 1950 operation."

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**N. P. NINNEMAN, Builder.**  
Harrisburg, Pa.

"House construction will drop at least 50 per cent because of the abrupt credit restrictions recently imposed upon the small home buyer. This is very unfortunate and will make it more difficult for the man in the lower income bracket to house his family. If these restrictions continue they will create a more serious curtailment in construction, causing more of a scarcity than has existed.

"This curtailment helps to create higher prices for old properties that are definitely on a down-grade as to their life-expectancy, affecting economical soundness that is far from healthy for our country. These existing restrictions help to encourage the construction of higher-priced homes, leaving the small home buyer struggling to find a decent place to house his family."



**FRANK J. JOHNSON, Builder.**  
Park Ridge, Ill.

"Despite newly imposed credit curbs and prospects of continued material shortages for the coming year, the residential building picture appears favorable in our area for 1951.

"This winter season we are having as many inquiries from prospective homeowners as in the past few so-called 'boom' years. We feel this is due in part to those people who restrained themselves for several years in the hopes of a more settled market and are now facing the possibility of not being permitted to build at all due to further emergency curbs by the government. Consequently, many in this group are now being spurred into decisions to act in order to get under the wire before a halt of new building starts becomes a reality forcing their plans to remain in the plan stage."

# BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW



**Flush Door Booths**—Plywood Div., The Mengel Co., Louisville 1, Ky. For local shows and exhibits, booth displays Mengel Hollow-Core flush doors. Booth is 20 feet wide, 10 feet deep and 8 feet high. Shipping weight, 3,265 pounds.



**Perimeter Insulation**—W. R. Meadows, Inc., Elgin, Ill. "Corktite" is semi-rigid material of selected cork granules impacted under heat and pressure with asphalt between asphalt saturated felt liners. High insulation factor.



**Convexor**—Madine Mfg. Co., Racine Wis. Type F-12 is 12 inches high, for free-standing or recessed installation under picture windows. Available in 6 and 8-inch depths, in 8 lengths from 40 to 96 inches. Clean, modern appearance.



**Gas-Fired Winter Air Conditioner**—L. J. Mueller Furnace Co., 2005 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee 15, Wis. Compact high boy Climatrol Type 110 now has enclosed diverter, which permits simplified installations. Green or white enamel.



**Gas Range**—The Maytag Co., Newton, Iowa. Dutch Oven models have 18x19x15-inch ovens, one-piece tops, broiler that can also be used as a serving tray, and special flame control on some models. Controls are out of child's reach, easy to see.



**J. B. HAVERSTICK, Builder,**  
Dayton, Ohio

"It appears that three factors will result in at least a cut of one-third in the number of housing units started in 1951 as against the production of 1950.

"1—Regulation X with its high down-payments and a reduction of five years in the amortization period of FHA and VA loans will eliminate many of the marginal buyers.

"2—Difficulties which will result in materials shortages brought about by demand of the defense program will discourage many builders.

"3—Increased wages in the building trades and in factories manufacturing building materials will increase housing costs. These factors coupled with the effect of Regulation X will put prices of many houses out of the reach of a considerable number of possible buyers."



**ROBERT P. GERHOLZ, Builder,**  
Flint, Mich.

"Residential building in this area is extremely sensitive to government controls. Even the moderate July credit controls decelerated new starts by 33 1/3 per cent. Regulation X slashed the volume by another 1/3. Right now it looks as though the 1951 volume will be about 45 per cent of the 1950 mark. The total devastating effect of Regulation X on mortgage credit will become increasingly apparent in the months ahead. I am not counting on the relaxation of any controls. The Defense Production Act of 1950 provides for a completely controlled war economy. Regardless of what happens, and when, in Korea, the defense program has top priority. From my corner it looks as though additional controls, limitations and restrictions although not needed are inevitable."

## CONSENSUS

**W**ITH few exceptions key figures and typical operators in the home building industry are reluctant to advance firm opinions about the outlook for 1951. Almost without exception, where predictions were made with any degree of certainty, they were accompanied with reservations that whatever was said was contingent on the situation as it appeared in late November.

About the only point of unanimous agreement contained in the statements which appear here is that the low-cost home market will suffer under Regulation X because of the inability of most young families and other low-wage earners to amass the increased down payments required under the regulation. Generally, builders and distributors reporting for specific areas, predict a decline of one-third in the number of new homes in 1951 compared with the totals for 1950.

Almost without exception, anticipated scarcity of building materials is looked upon as a contributing factor to declines next year. One correspondent, however, stated that he believed the decline in new starts next year will offset possible material shortages.

Another advanced the opinion that home building outside the metropolitan areas will be unaffected by Regulation X, since cutbacks in large centers will produce surpluses of labor and materials which will be absorbed outside the cities. Another inclined to the view that surplus labor in the cities will drift back to rural areas, and for the first time since the close of the war, make it possible to develop a large farm remodeling and repair market.

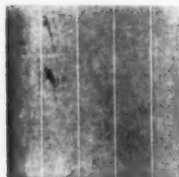
Builders and distributors alike in the metropolitan areas were almost unanimous in terming 1951 a mystery year, one that cannot be predicted accurately until late spring. They predicate their views on the as yet untested effect of Regulation X, and the fact that it will not be clear what the effect will be until present commitments, most of them due for completion in the spring months, have been disposed of. Caution is urged, and while some state that 25 to 50 per cent of last year's activities might be safe operation, many mention no percentages, and simply urge every home builder to feel his market cautiously, and not get more units under way at any time than he feels he can sell and complete.

One builder of luxury houses anticipates no decline in sales, but does predict that shortages of materials, appliances and equipment will permit him to offer less variation in his homes. He believes it will be necessary to go in for more standardization, less selectivity in color, particularly in appliances, in order to conserve all of the tools of construction.

Higher cost houses, in the opinion of most observers, will not decline in volume. Some go so far as to predict sizeable gains in volume in this class.

There is no unqualified optimism in any of the predictions, and at the same time, little outright pessimism. There is a pronounced feeling of wariness, and a not too great hope that in some way the need for restrictions will disappear. Mixed with this is an occasional expression of distrust in the motives behind government credit controls.

## BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW—BUILDING PRODUCTS ON REVIEW



**Asphalt Tile Flooring**—Mastic Tile Corp. of America, Newburgh, N. Y. Parquet tile simulates wood flooring. In 9x9-inch size with straight-line indentations spaced about 1 1/4 inches apart. Designed to be decorative, long-wearing.



**Portable Woodworking Mill**—The Master Woodworker Mfg. Co., Detroit 26, Mich. Several machines in one, this unit is equipped with overhead cross cut radial saw, knife round head jointer and underslung rip saw. Gas or electric motor.



**Sliding Door Hardware**—Jay G. McKenna, Inc., P.O. Box 677, E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, Ind. Series 250 Ken-track using Nylon wheel for quiet operation allows door to be flush mounted with track completely hidden. For 3/4-inch doors.



**"Mighty Mouse" Tractor**—Mead Specialties Co., Dept. HKM-4, 4114 N. Knox Ave., Chicago 41, Ill. Used as power mower, for bulldozing, grading, and other work. Power mower attachment is available in 4-foot width with 5 H. P. motor.



**Dumpcrete**—Maxon Construction Co., Inc., 131 N. Ludlow St., Dayton 2, Ohio. Hauls regular or air-entrained concrete, maintaining load-to-load uniformity with no agitator to change air content. Truck has 90-degree dumping angle.



ROMAN TILE, cedar siding, redwood gable ends, green roof and light green windows give building color and character

## Motel for a Narrow Lot

**Designers use area effectively and provide for easy conversion to kitchen apartments**

**C**OMMISSIONED to design a motel for a lot 66 feet wide and 160 feet deep, Wallace & Graham, building consultants of Eugene, Ore., found that the lot was too narrow for a U-shape, and too wide for economical use to contain a single row of one-room units. Their solution is the plan below.

Since it was considered desirable to provide for conversion of the units into housekeeping quarters at some possible future date, each unit was planned with a separate room or with space for such a room to be turned into a kitchen. Plumbing and wiring were roughed in the walls for such a change, but no fixtures were installed. As shown on the plan, the first two units to the left of the owner's apartment have small rooms for conversion into kitchens. These are kept locked now.

The next two units have bedrooms marked for possible future conversion, and the units at the extreme

left are large enough for kitchens to be built in.

By adding extra rooms to all units except the first two, full advantage of the lot area was taken. The extra rooms are equipped with two beds, and when one of these units is rented by only two people, the extra room is locked.

Exterior of the building is natural finish cedar paneling, applied vertically. It is Olympic Texterion treated with two coats of Fuller Logwood Oil. A corner wainscot and flower boxes of Roman tile add character to the office entrance. The underside of the four-foot roof overhang is painted yellow. Asphalt shingles are green, and Trimset steel windows are painted a lighter green. At the front end of the building, the cedar siding extends to the gable line, and the gable end is horizontal redwood boards.

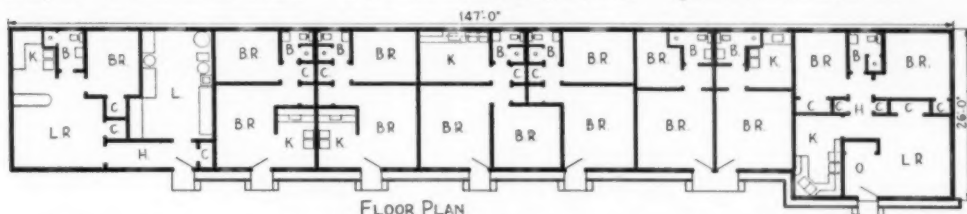
The pylon carrying the sign rests on a 4-inch concrete base, and is 20

feet high, 14-inches wide and 36 inches deep. Two 3-inch steel pipes were set in the concrete, two feet apart, and bolted together with 3x3 angles, which also hold the furring for the paneling.

Construction is 2x4 studding covered with sheathing. Floors are 3/4-inch shiplap, plywood, then carpeting. The rear of the building is asbestos shingles, conforming to the fire ordinance. Sound deadening between apartments is accomplished by using staggered 2x3 studs with Kimul woven between them. Plates are 2x8.

Materials used are Kohler fixtures, Olsonite toilet seats, Lawson Medicine cabinets, Hall Mack accessories, Schlage locks, Trane convectors, Wizard shower heads, and Capitol boiler. Flexalum aluminum blinds, Simmons metal beds and Beautyrest mattresses were installed.

There is space above the owner's apartment for two bedrooms.

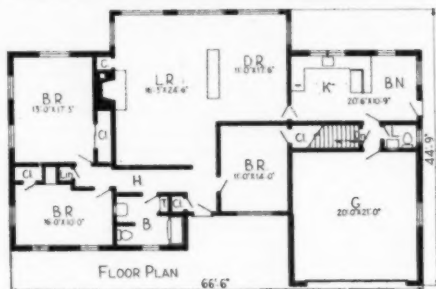


FLOOR PLAN

PLUMBING AND WIRING roughed in for rooms and areas designated as future kitchens. Wide parking area is black top



# BUILDING FOR QUALITY—NOT FOR PRICE



TOP and above show front and rear of dream house designed and constructed by builder on select site in Yakima, Wash. Note unusual treatment of gable ends. At left is main floor plan

**Unique and novel effects obtained through control of plans, specifications and job site alterations**

WITH A free choice of location and no restrictive specifications or fixed details, R. W. Gordner, home builder of Yakima, Wash., is able to express his own ideas as they occur to him in the course of building quality houses. The results are novel, and lend a high degree of individuality to each house.

For his dream house, illustrated on these pages, he selected a site commanding a view of a broad valley, with snow-capped Mt. Adams in the distance. The lot, 85x200, is in a select residential district. Exterior walls are Roman brick with black mortar. The effect is striking. Gable ends are varnished t&g rustic cedar panels set about 30 degrees off vertical. This treatment is exceptionally interesting. It serves to reduce the actual height on the front, and accentuate the horizontal lines on the rear.

To give character to the roof, without using hand-split shakes, Gordner used red cedar shingles laid double at every seventh course. This requires 14 per cent more shingles, but provides interesting shadow lines. In the recessed entry he used resawed cedar boards with 1 3/4-inch battens, also treated with linseed oil. The garage door is Stran Steel, and the front entrance door is of mahogany equipped with new Schlage Astra roller bearing lock.

Interior doors and woodwork are Baylawn-White Lauran ribbon-grained mahogany finish with sealer, finish and three coats of varnish. The

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**Fireplace Tile**—Warner Prins, 36 E. 22nd St., New York, N. Y. New designs in washable tile are made with pictorial scenes, Chinese landscapes in a multitude of colors and patterns. Similar tiles are also made, designed for wall coverings.



**Water Repellent**—Protection Products Mfg. Co., Kalamazoo 99, Mich. Invisible Rainchek is completely colorless when applied to masonry surfaces. Does not discolor after exposure. A silicone product, it will not evaporate or wash out.



**Garage Door**—Raynor Mfg. Co., East River Rd., Dixon, Ill. Wood sectional upward-acting doors with graduated seal are made in widths from 8 to 16 feet, or in odd sizes to specification. Douglas fir rails, stiles and muntins are used.



**Special Sink**—American Central Div., AVCO Manufacturing Corp., Connersville, Ind. Model SS-4200 is low cost, has full-width storage compartment, new modern faucet assembly, with wide work space in bowl. Right or left drainboard.



**Garbage Disposer**—In-Sink-Erator Manufacturing Co., Racine, Wis. In-Sink-Erator rata shredder is equipped with milling impellers on top surface and pumping impellers on lower surface to increase velocity of shredding, flow of water.

rear wall of the living room, framing the windows which provide a view of the mountains, is rotary-cut mahogany in 16-inch squares, which were cut from 4x8 sheets. The squares are divided by five-sixteenths-inch round mahogany dowel stock. Each tile is set with the grain at right angles to the squares abutting it. Tile above the fireplace is ribbon grained, and a ceramic tile fireplace forms part of one wall. The island dividing the living room from the dining space is built of 3/4-inch solid mahogany. On the living room side there are book shelves below the counter, with ledges for knick-knacks above. On the dining room side there are grooves for the display of dishes, and below are cabinets for the storage of linen.

All cabinet doors throughout are 3/4-inch plywood. Kitchen cabinets of the same thickness are birch Malarkey plywood, finished with two coats of sealer, one coat of spar varnish, and two coats of marine spar varnish. The sink top is Formica with a rubber base tile on the return, which is also used as cove molding over a floor of Armstrong linoleum. To take up a dead space on the south wall of the kitchen, Gordner built a storage cabinet with a pull-out shelf. Since the space is four feet deep, the shelf is on rollers, permitting it to be pulled out. The breakfast nook is separated from the kitchen by the range and a cabinet overhead, hung from the ceiling.

The bath is particularly colorful, with red Alumiwall used as wainscoting up five feet from the floor. The wall over the bath tub has a checked effect, provided by using both red and white tile. Armstrong Splat-pattern linoleum and colored American Standard fixtures together with a lavatory faced with mahogany and topped with Formica, are among the chief features of the room. Gordner wanted a large medicine cabinet,

so he provided a recess 24 inches square, and faced it with a 3/4-inch hinged plate glass mirror, flanked by fluorescent tubes.

An interesting window detail was developed for use with R.O.W. windows, which are weather-stripped and removable for cleaning. Use of Windtite Sash Locks provides leverage for pulling the sash tighter together for additional weatherproofing.

The entire house is insulated with Simpson Insulating Board. Plaster is over Rocklath, and Zonolite Insulating plaster was used. There is a full basement, wired and heated, with walls finished in cement plaster, and equipped with a fireplace. An oil fired hot water system heats the house, and domestic hot water is provided by a Rheem tank. The house is priced at \$27,500.

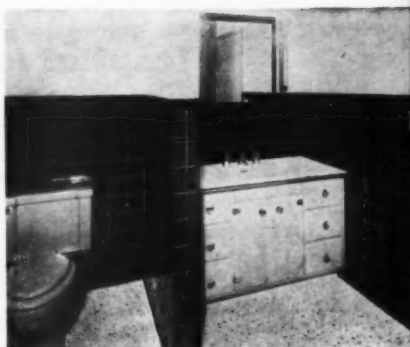
Gordner is a relative newcomer to the home building industry in Yakima, having started there after his release from the Navy, following the war. He began building popular price houses, but derived little satisfaction from this. Both he and his customers were unhappy because it was impossible to build into the houses all of the design and convenience desirable. The limitations imposed by price restricted Gordner's design ability.

He, therefore, decided to abandon the popular price field, and build houses to sell for about \$25,000, feeling that this price class would provide ample opportunity to achieve individuality and quality.

A survey of the Yakima market bore out his early conviction that there was a good market for houses in that price class.

The results have been gratifying both to him and to the people for whom he builds.

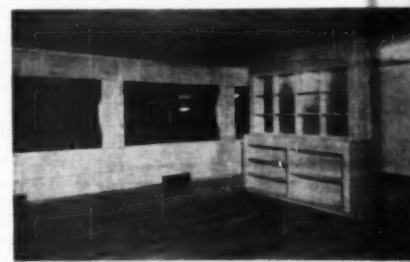
Gordner in the short span of a few years has earned a reputation as a creative and sound builder.



**DIVIDED bathroom.** Note lavatory enclosed with mahogany and Formica top



**KITCHEN** with natural finish birch plywood cabinets. Note cabinets above range

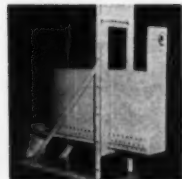


**LIVING room** features glass areas, mahogany squares in walls and cabinet island

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**Aluminum Fencing**—Nichols Wire & Aluminum Co., 1725 Rockingham Rd., Davenport, Iowa. Never-Stain Chain Link fencing, with new "Lustre-Brite" finish is climb-proof and rust-proof. Requires no maintenance. Heights 3' to 10'.



**Corner Utility Drawer**—American Central Div., AVCO Manufacturing Corp., Connersville, Ind. Utilizes space under base corner top. Sliding bin offers convenient storage for large trays or other articles, with provision for air circulation.



**Shallow Well Pump**—Everite Pump and Mfg. Co., Inc., Lancaster, Pa. Figure 1950-10 Everite water system has capacity of 250 gallons per hour. Unit is available with 10, 15 and 30 gallon horizontal galvanized tanks. Has one-piece rubber piston.



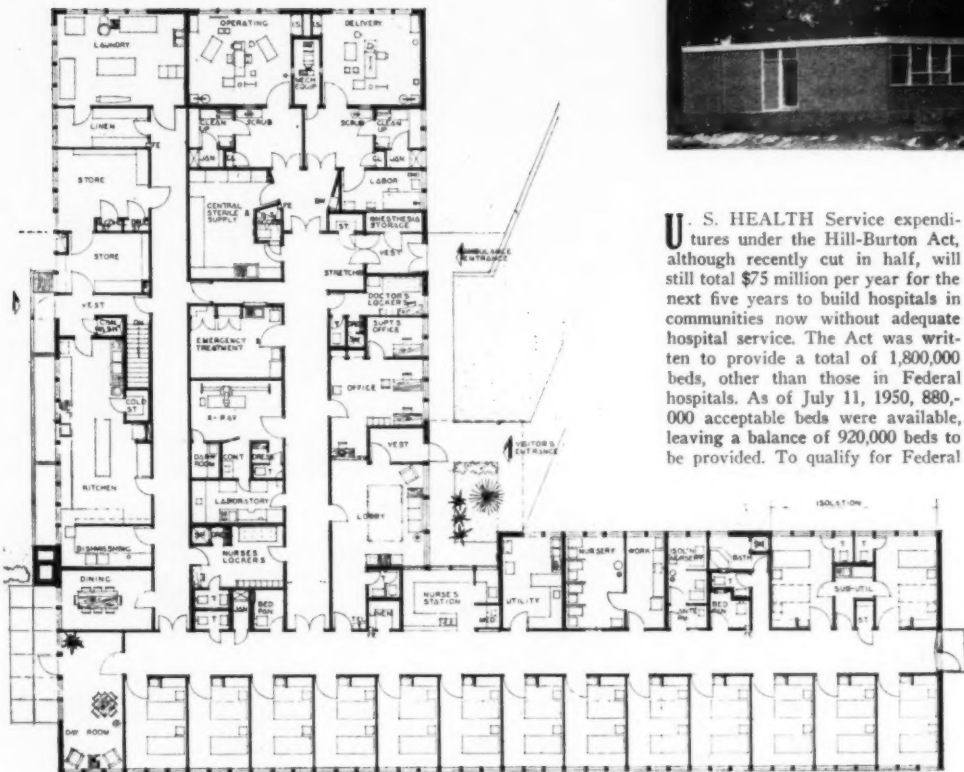
**Floor Finish**—Pierce and Stevens, Inc., 710 Ohio St., Buffalo 3, N. Y. Fabulon floor finish is waterproof, skidproof, chip-proof, stain-proof. Easily applied floor covering requires no stirring, settling, skinning, is transparent, brush-applied.



**Door Opener**—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Pittomatic invisible door opener for heavy glass doors has double-acting automatic power hinge actuated by microswitch in door handle. Adjustable to varying needs.

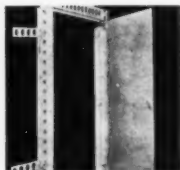
## Hospital for Rural Area

Thoroughly modern hospitals can be built in small and remote mediocre farming areas having no industry and few medical facilities



U. S. HEALTH Service expenditures under the Hill-Burton Act, although recently cut in half, will still total \$75 million per year for the next five years to build hospitals in communities now without adequate hospital service. The Act was written to provide a total of 1,800,000 beds, other than those in Federal hospitals. As of July 11, 1950, 880,000 acceptable beds were available, leaving a balance of 920,000 beds to be provided. To qualify for Federal

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**Steel Access Panel**—Knapp Brothers Manufacturing Co., Rossmaire, Ohio. Combines rugged construction features with utility. Built-in plaster flange. Made of galvanized steel with prime coat of paint baked on. Wide range of sizes.



**Bathroom Heaters**—Electromode Corp., 45th Crouch St., Rochester 3, N.Y. New style fixed louvered grille gives heat downward direction for greater comfort. Automatic or manually controlled. Ideal for any small room in the home.



**Oil Floor Furnace**—Kresky Manufacturing Co., Petaluma, Calif. Kresky "50-30" has B.T.U. output of 52,700, commercial standards, from a maximum oil consumption of less than 2 pints per hour. Listed with Underwriters Laboratories.



**Aluminum Moldings**—Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio. Color matched, plastic finish. Dirt, grime, grease and moisture are sealed out. Blend perfectly with Marlite panels. Available in 11 Marlite colors, moldings cleaned easily.



**Automatic Electric Dryer**—Hotpoint, Inc., 5600 W. Taylor St., Chicago 44, Ill. Model LD-3 does not give off moisture, heat or lint into room. Moisture is condensed from heated air by means of cold water spray. No piping, venting.



**MAIN ENTRANCE.** Clearwater County Memorial Hospital, Bagley, Minn. Brick wall screens ambulance entrance from view

aid, the community must assume a certain percentage of the construction cost, and be able to maintain the hospital once it is built.

That even small villages are tremendously interested in this unprecedented opportunity is shown by the new 30-bed Clearwater County Memorial Hospital, recently opened in Bagley, Minn. Bagley, about 25 miles west of Bemidji in the northern part of the state, has a population of only 1,650, is in a relatively poor farming area, and has no major industry. But so great was the wish of the community for modern hospital facilities that its people raised two-thirds of the \$335,000 needed for the building and its equipment.

Fireproof and ultra-modern, this one-story structure has all the facilities of a large general hospital on a reduced scale. Patients' rooms are the central point of the design, to capitalize on the unusually choice site: a wooded promontory overlooking Lake Lomond. One wall in each patient's room is glass from within 3 feet of the floor to the ceiling, giving

bed patients an effortless, unobstructed view through a grove of pines to the lake beyond.

The hospital was designed by Edward H. Noakes of Long and Thorshov, Inc., architects, Minneapolis, and received "The Hospital of the Month" award from Modern Hospital magazine. H. L. Stavn Co. of Hibbing, Minn., were the builders.

The hot water radiant heat floor system, unusual in so small an institution, is the first of its kind in the area and embodies the approved principles of efficient, economical radiant heating. This is a slab-on-ground construction, for there is no basement under the main portion of the building. The entire floor area is insulated with a 3-inch thickness of vermiculite concrete, 1:6 mix (1 part portland cement to 6 parts vermiculite concrete aggregate), placed over a waterproof membrane covering a gravel fill. The soft copper radiant tubing rests on the vermiculite concrete slab, and is embedded in a sand concrete topping, 4 inches thick. The floor is finished with as-

phalt tile, except for the surgery, where it is conductive terrazzo.

Heat is thermostatically controlled, with the rooms set up in banks, depending on their exposure and use. The surface of the slab will be carried at a temperature of not more than 85 degrees. The boiler and other mechanical equipment are housed in a basement under the kitchen area.

Pointing out the advantages of radiant heat in hospital construction, the architect said, "It reduces cleaning requirements and adds useable floor space. From an operating standpoint, we expect to save from 20 to 30 per cent in fuel over other types of heating."

The basic structure of the L-shape building is lightweight steel; the outside skin, brick. The roof deck is also steel with 2-inch insulation. Interior walls and partitions are plaster. Doors have steel frames. All windows are double-glazed. A long, low, brick wall screens the ambulance entrance from patients, and provides privacy

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**Insulation Tacker**—Markwell Manufacturing Company, Inc., 200 Hudson St., New York 13, N.Y. Uses staples ranging in length from 1/2 up to 9/16-inch without adjustment of tacker. For applying batt, blanket and foil type insulation, etc.



**Cord Take-Up Reel**—Applenton Electric Co., 1701-59 Wellington Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. Reellets pay out and automatically retracts up to 25 feet of extension cord for lighting in shops, garages, or storerooms. Eliminates cord tangling.



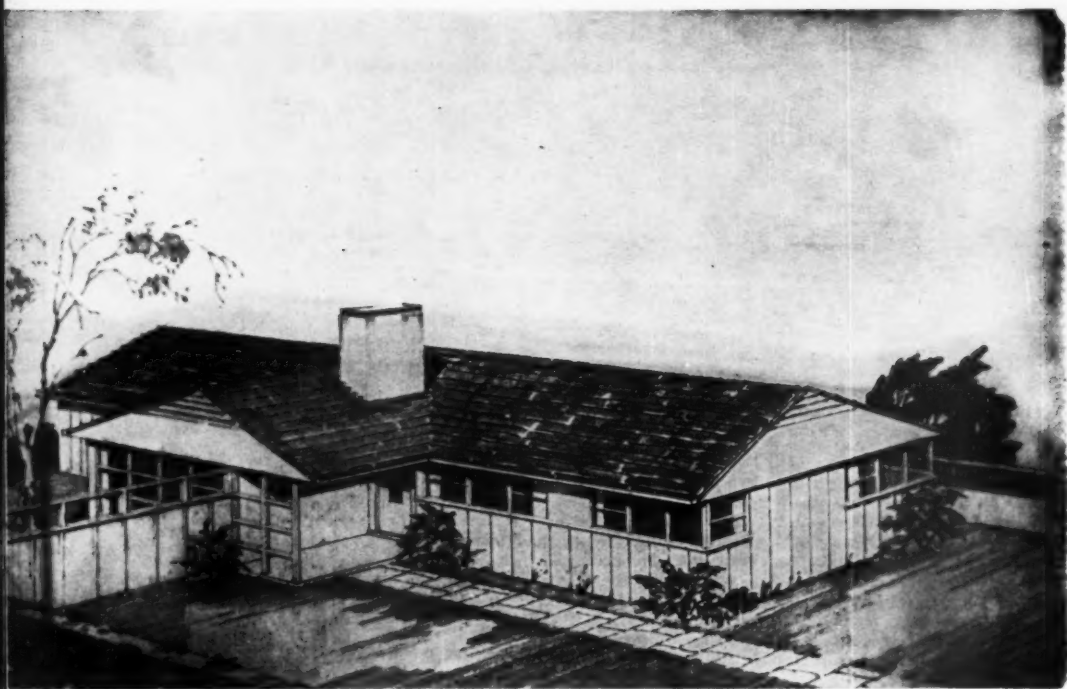
**Wall Furnace**—Stewart Warner Corp., Indianapolis 7, Ind., Gas-fired Sol-Aire Model 991-14 will comfortably heat 11 x 16-foot room, or Model 992-20 will heat 14 x 18-foot room. All air for combustion is drawn from outdoors. Automatic.



**Brick Conveyor**—Mar-Rail Conveyor Co., 560 York Ave., Pawtucket, R.I. Lightweight Briq-Toter safely handles brick, glazed tile and other materials. Two men can move. Length, 20 feet; width, 14 1/2 inches. Load capacity, over 1200 lbs.



**Power Saw and Table**—The Moll Tool Co., 7740 S. Chicago Ave., Chicago 19, Ill. Portable Guide-Master, Model 71, 7-inch blade saw and table, permits precision angle and bevel cutting. Saw attaches to table, or can be used without.



POPULAR RANCH TYPE HOUSE with three bedrooms has all the elements of pleasant living

## ***Sound Planning for Good Design***

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3. Privacy at rear accentuated by fence from house to lot.

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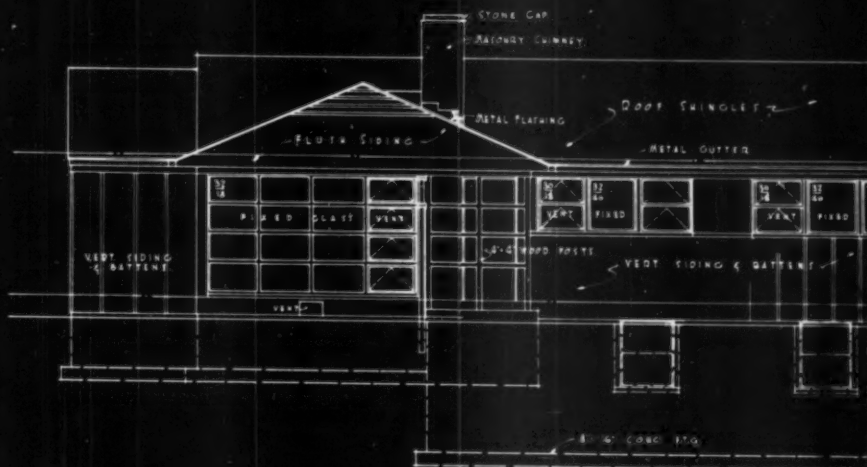
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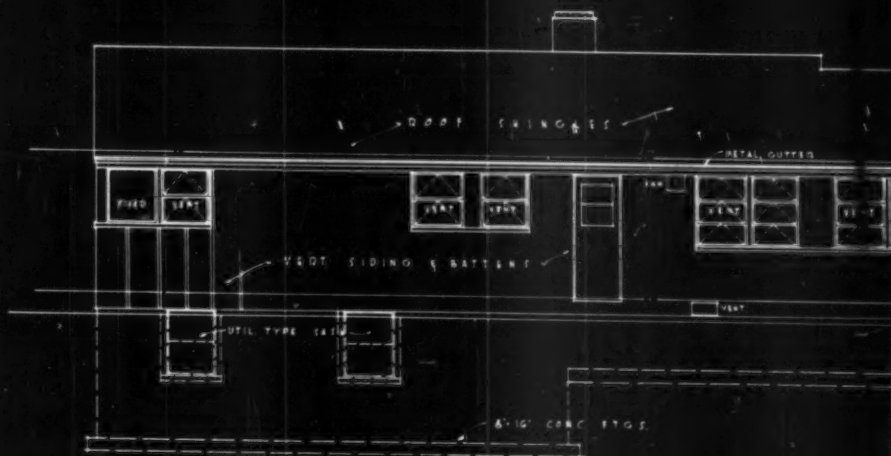
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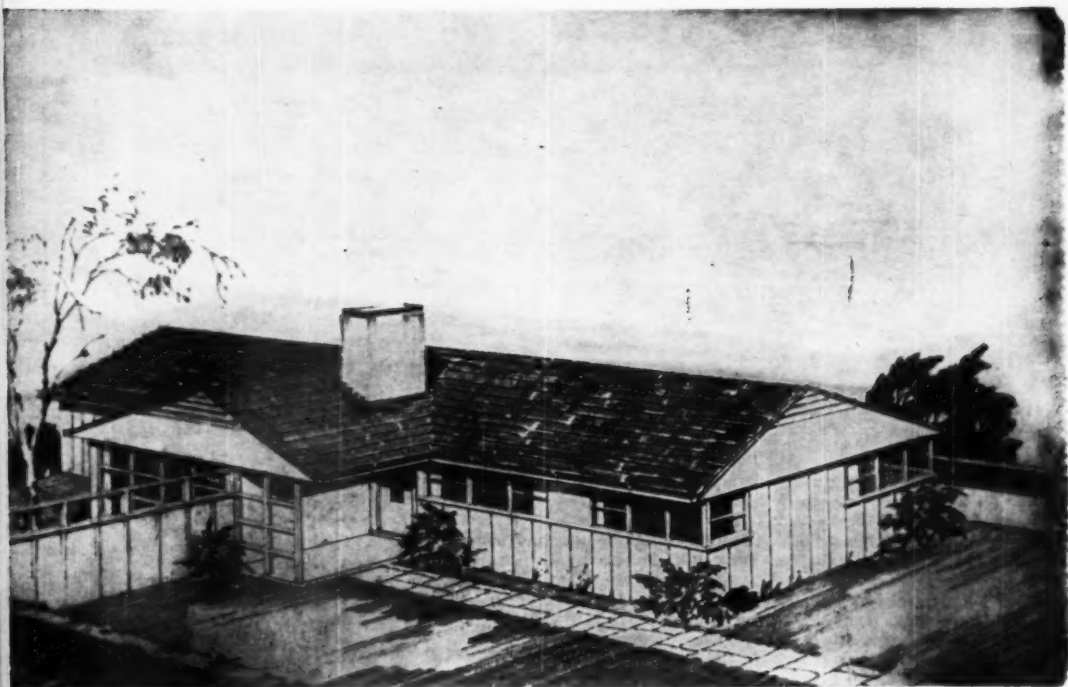




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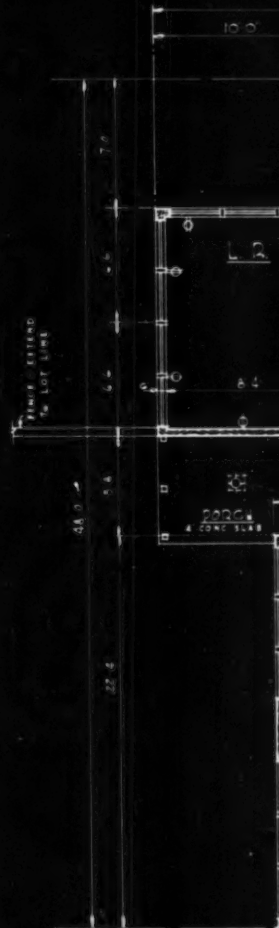
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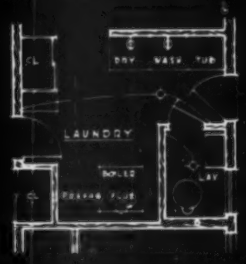
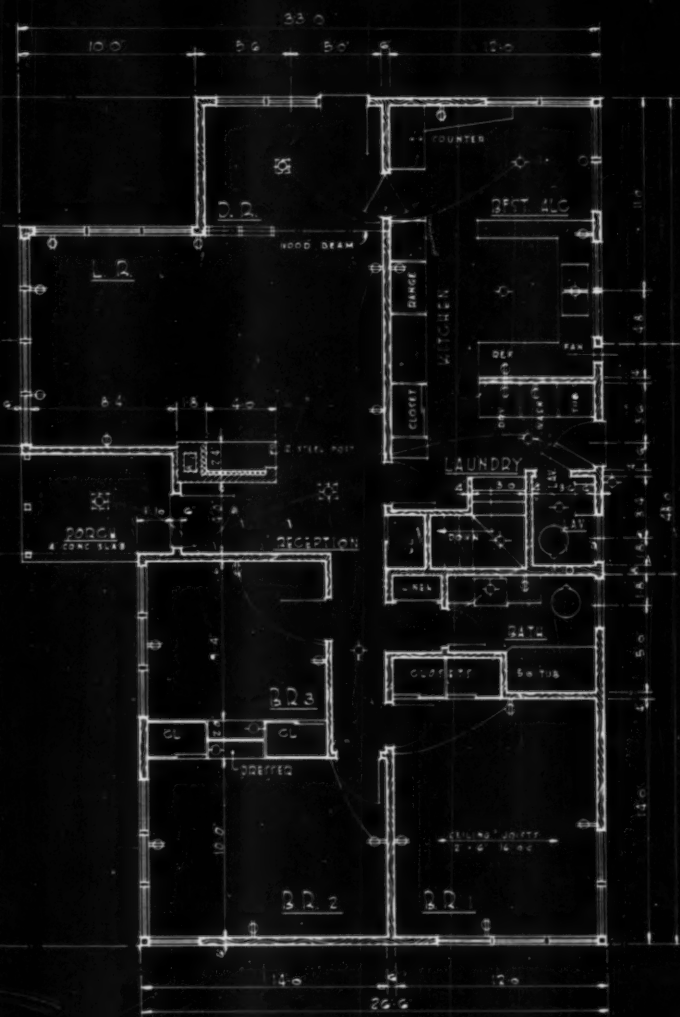
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ALTERNATE UTILITY ROOM  
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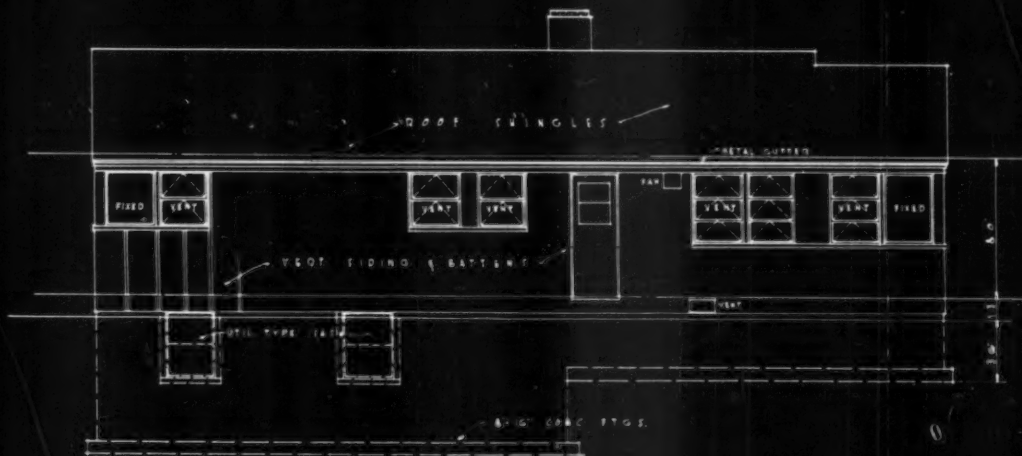
OPTIONAL CLOSET  
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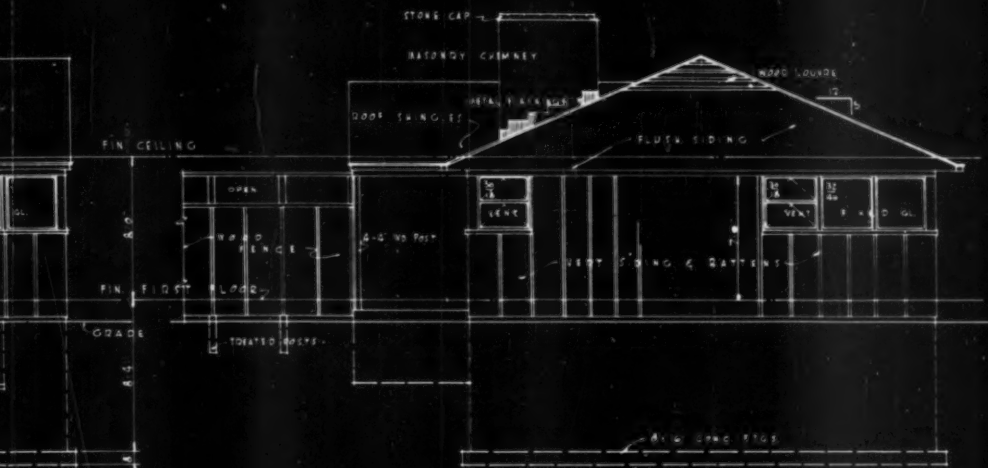
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MAXIMUM winter comfort in a home is assured with a good heating plant operated by properly installed automatic controls

## Basic information for Builders and Dealers concerning residential and small commercial

# Automatic Heating Control Systems

By Lloyd H. Johnson

Merchandising Division  
Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator  
Company

THE BUILDER, architect, and client are normally inclined to leave all heating matters up to specialists in this field—the consulting engineer or the heating dealer. That is as it should be. However, in dealing with the heating man, there is an advantage in understanding the basic functions of the various controls, and how they can be combined to provide maximum safety, comfort, convenience, and efficiency with present-day heating systems.

First of all, just a word about what we are controlling—that is heat. The fuels commonly used to furnish this heat are gas, coal, and oil. In addition to the types of fuel used, there are essentially three types of heating systems—warm air, hot water, and steam. Distribution of heat may be through gravity or forced circulation. These classifications (obvious as they may seem)

are mentioned because the type of fuel and heating medium used determine what control devices are required for a given system.

### Gravity Systems

A gravity system is designed to take advantage of the natural tendency of heat to rise. In this way,

heat from the furnace or boiler distributes itself throughout the system. As heat is given off, the cooler air or water gravitates back to the heating plant through the returns. As heated vapor in a steam system is distributed through the radiators, it cools and condenses back to water. This condensate may flow back to the boiler through separate return mains (such as on a two-pipe system), or gravitate back through the supply mains (as is the case with a one-pipe system).

### Forced Systems

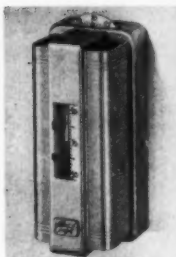
To facilitate distribution of the heating medium (warm air, hot water, or steam), a mechanical means is used. *Forced Warm Air* systems have a blower on the return side of the furnace. This creates a slight suction on the return registers, quickly drawing off the cooler air as

This is the first of two articles dealing with the fundamentals of automatic heating controls for homes and small commercial structures. The February article will deal with indoor-outdoor control systems, zoned heating control, individual room control and controls for panel heating installations.

## Room Thermostat

### STARTS THE ACTION

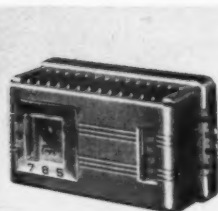
Senses room temperature. Starts and stops the burner according to heat requirements



Manual



Semi-Automatic  
Day-Night Control

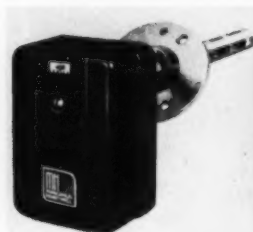


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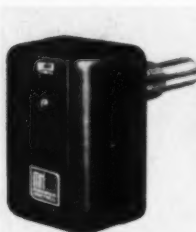
## Limit Control

### POLICES THE ACTION

Mounts on the heating plant. This serves as a safety switch that stops the burner whenever it senses excessive temperatures



Warm Air



Hot Water



Steam

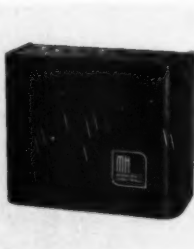
## Combustion Control

### PERFORMS THE ACTION NECESSARY TO PRODUCE HEAT

Starts and stops the burner according to thermostat demand. On oil or stoked-fired systems, this device is the primary relay. On a gas-fired system, it is the gas control valve



Oil Burner Relay



Stoker Relay

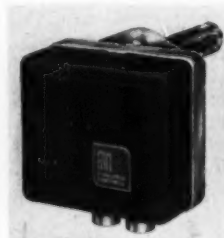


Gas Valve

## Combustion Safety Control

### INSURES PROPER COMBUSTION BEFORE BURNER CAN OPERATE

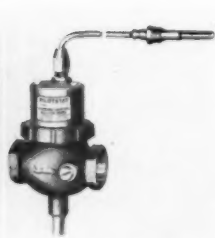
Prevents burner operation in the event of flame or ignition failure. This control function may be built into the Combustion Control (as in the case of stack-mounted oil burner relays) or as a separate device, such as the safety pilot control on a gas-fired system



Oil  
(Stack Switch)



Stoker  
(Hold-Fire)



Gas  
(Safety-Pilot)

**BASIC** control sequence of a domestic temperature control system where the thermostat operates the burner

it settles to the floor. A *Forced Hot Water* system utilizes a pump on the return main to speed circulation. Larger steam systems also employ a pump to speed up the return of condensed steam to the boiler.

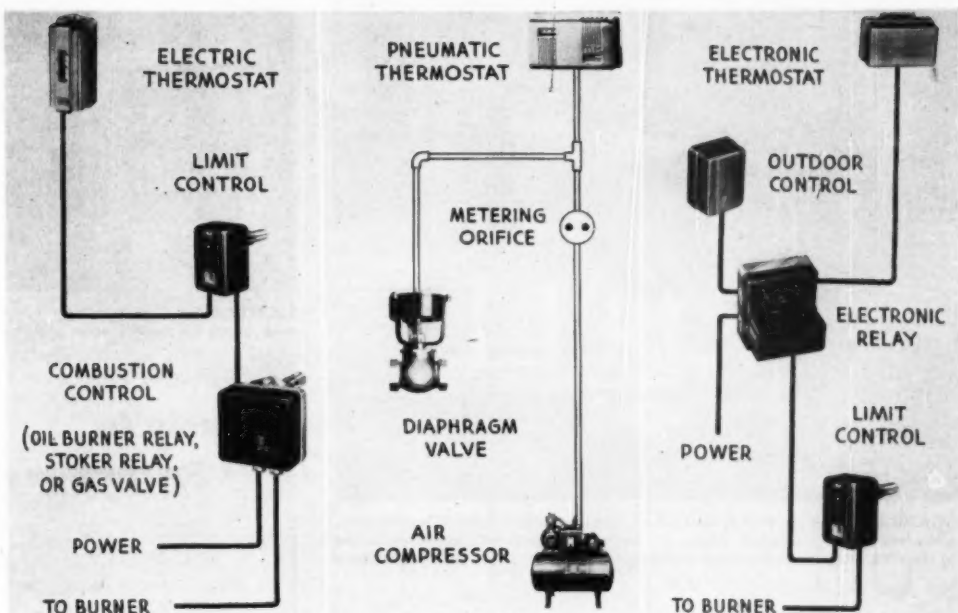
Supplementing these broad classi-

fications are numerous variations in types of heating systems. Each type of heating requires controls specially adapted to its needs.

### The Room Thermostat

The thermostat is the key instru-

ment on all domestic heating controls. The end result, regardless of the complexity of the control system, is dependent upon the thermostat's ability to meter heat to the living area at nearly the same rate that heat is being lost to the outdoors. It should



THREE basic types of heating plant control—electric, pneumatic and electronic—are outlined above

be mounted approximately five feet from the floor on an inside wall, in a representative point of the living area. Much control difficulty can be prevented if the following locations are avoided: near an outside door or a large window, any point where radiant heat could effect operation (heat from fireplace, sun through window, kitchen stove, warm air ducts or hot water pipes in the wall, electric lamps, television sets, etc.).

For residential heating, the room generally most suitable for the thermostat is the living room. This is the area in which occupants are usually inactive, and are most sensitive to variations in room temperature. Occasionally a dining room or den located on the north side of the house is preferable to the living room as a location for the thermostat. This is especially true where a living room has a fireplace or is subject to considerable solar radiation.

All heating thermostats serve as temperature-sensitive switches which close the control circuit to start the heating equipment when room temperature drops below the point at which the control is set. As soon as the temperature rises sufficiently to satisfy the thermostat, the control circuit opens and stops the burner. On forced hot water systems, the thermostat may operate the circulating pump, and a water temperature control operates the burner to

maintain a steady supply of hot water in the boiler.

There are basically three types of control . . . electric, pneumatic (air operated), and electronic. Most common of all, are the electrically operated "on-off" controls that start and stop the heating plant according to temperature needs. Pneumatic controls may also operate as an "on-off" system. Then there are *modulating* controls that can modulate or proportion the opening or closing of valves and dampers in relation to heating requirements. Modulating controls are available in either electric, electronic or pneumatic systems. They are particularly desirable for zone heating and other applications where a refinement of control is desirable.

Thermostats most commonly used for residential and small commercial heating are designed to operate on a low-voltage circuit similar to that which is used for a door bell. This has three advantages. First of all, the switching mechanism can be designed with more precision and sensitivity when it is built for low-voltage current. This results in more accurate temperature control. Secondly, because most localities do not require low voltage wiring to be run in conduit there is a considerable saving on cost of installation. The third, and perhaps most important advantage in designing a thermostat to operate on low voltage, is the fact

that a small electric heating element can be built into the device.

This feature, commonly referred to as *Heat Leveling* or *Heat Anticipation*, uses a very small heater to artificially raise the temperature within the thermostat each time there is a call for heat.

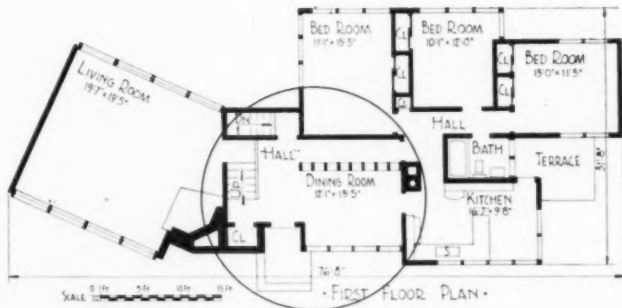
In this way, the thermostat is satisfied much sooner and the burner is stopped before an over-heated condition develops. On thermostats using a flash-type heater commonly referred to as "TM," a minute particle of heat is applied directly to the temperature-sensitive element whenever heat is called for. The result is that, rather than being merely a device that senses room temperature, the thermostat serves as a variable *timer* that automatically cycles the heating according to heat requirements. It maintains a series of relatively short, steady firing periods in which heat is portioned out at approximately the same rate as it is lost from the building. This eliminates the "too hot" and "too cold" cycles that are frequently present in the "on-off" type of heating control.

The controls discussed here pertain to residence and small commercial heating. Generally speaking, the most basic electrical "on-off" control hook-up is usually associated with domestic installations. There are numerous exceptions where a commer-

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ENTRANCE of house designed by Gerhard W. Brandhorst, Minneapolis, Minn., architect, is recessed within the perimeter of house. Further protection from the elements is obtained by the wide, splayed overhang that forms a canopy over stoop and adjoining windows.



FLOOR PLAN of house shown above. Entrance door opens directly into reception hall without benefit of vestibule. This can be done in northern climates by recessed entrance.



RECEPTION HALL of Brandhorst house from dining room. Note open planning.

## Trends in Entrances

DOMESTIC residential architecture, commonly referred to as home design, has, in recent years, undergone sweeping changes in the general concept of planning and in exterior treatment. This change is particularly true with reference to the front, or main entrance to the home.

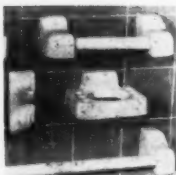
In years past when the traditional or colonial style was predominantly popular, entrance features were applied to the surface of the wall, using the established orders of architecture as the motif. This type unquestionably called for a vestibule to act as a buffer from the elements, particularly in those areas where the weather is severe.

In today's homes the influence of the ranch type of dwelling is felt in all phases of house design, especially with regard to entrances. The examples of design in this article show three types of houses; the one-story or ranch type, the split-level, and the

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**Steel Closet Doors**—The American Welding & Manufacturing Co., Warren, Ohio. Amweld sliding door units offer increased accessibility to closet contents, savings in initial construction costs. Firm also has steel door and frame units.



**Bathroom Fixtures**—Columbus Plastic Products, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Lustra-Ware line is available in large variety of beautiful colors. Precision molded of Styron plastic. Practically non-breakable. Easy to install on any wall.



**Multi-Breakers**—Cutler-Hammer, Inc., 315 N. 12th St., Milwaukee 1, Wis. MO-12 plug-in unit provides up to 12 S.P. circuits; MO-20 up to 20 S.P. circuits. Four single or two double pole breakers. Flush or surface mounting, optional.



**Gravity Furnace**—Conco Engineering Works, Mendota, Ill. New pressure oil gravity 70,000 B.T.U. unit in Town & Country line features ease of installation, economical operation, and long life. Also gas-fired. Full Conco quality.



**Radiant Glass Heating**—Continental Radiant Glass Heating Corp., 1 East 35th St., New York, N. Y. Infra-red rays from this unit warm objects directly, heating by electricity passing through aluminum element fused in glass.

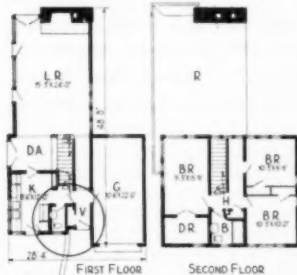




**VIEW OF ENTRANCE HALL** from living room of split-level house shown at right

normal two-story arrangement. While the entrance treatment, design-wise, is entirely different in each case, the plan pattern is similar. Each entrance is recessed into the perimeter of the house. In this manner protection from the elements is provided. This is especially true in the case of the one-story house where the wide, sweeping overhang forms an additional canopy.

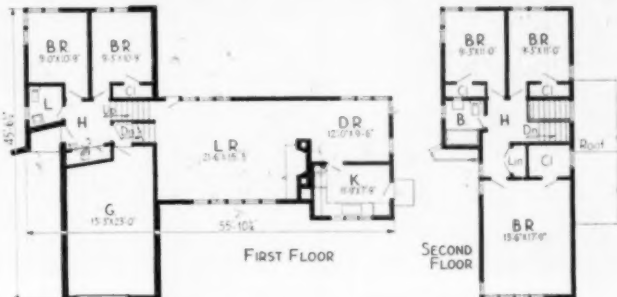
The recessed entrance has established a new concept of planning through the elimination of the small, cramped vestibule, and the introduction of the hall which becomes a literal part of the living room. In the case of the two-story house the entrance is a part of a deep recess extending more than half way across the front, with front wall extending upward from the extreme projection. Entrance is defined by the projecting stone wall.



**PLAN** of both floors of house at right



**ENTRANCE AT SIDE** in split-level designed by Jones & Cerny, Minneapolis architects



**PLAN** of house above. Protection from elements obtained by placing door at side of recess



**ENTRANCE** on another Jones & Cerny house is submerged into the design pattern of front

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**Packaged Windows**—Fleet of America, Inc., Bladell, N. Y. Fleetlite windows are completely prefabricated, glazed and assembled, arriving on the job in corrugated containers. Extruded aluminum frame, storm sash and screen.



**Tractor and Wagon**—Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria 8, Ill. Caterpillar DW20 tractor and W20 wagon offer a powerful solution to heavy earth moving problems. Equipment is made for long wearing, and powered by diesel engine.



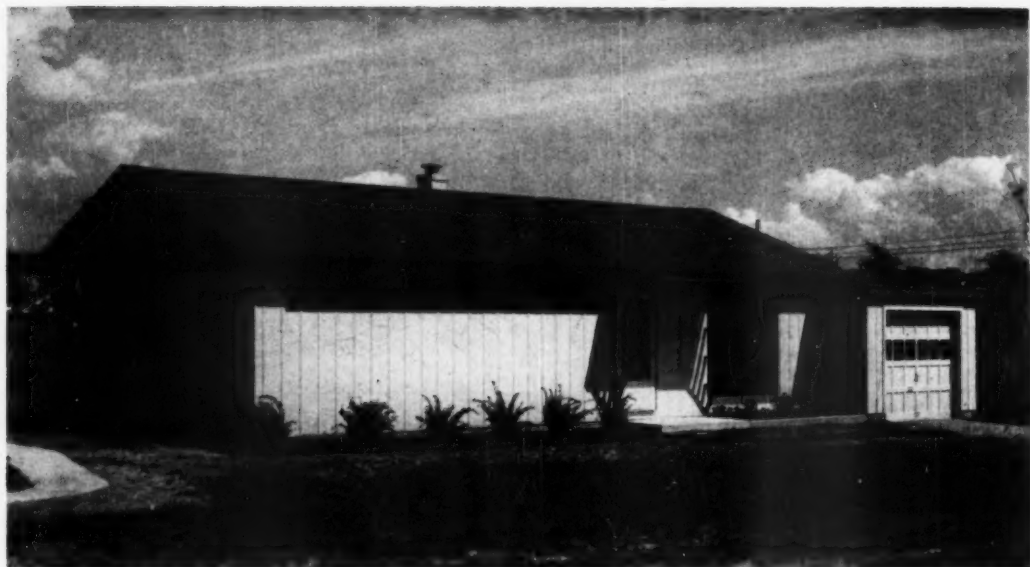
**Shampoo Spray**—T & S Brass & Bronze Works, Inc., 121 E. 2nd St., Mineola, Long Island, N. Y. For permanent installation on wall of bathroom. Unit has four-foot polished stainless steel hose. Controlled from wash bowl fixtures.



**Rain Cap**—Condensation Engineering Corp., 3511 W. Potomac Ave., Chicago 51, Ill. Rain cap and housing top used with Vitroliner type E chimney. Rain cap with baffle ring is welded to housing top to form one unit. Keeps out wind, rain.



**Wall Panels**—The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y. Wonderwall Velon plastic wall panel insulates and decorates. Can be applied directly over cinder block walls, wood, plaster, brick or concrete.



POPULAR home in Madison, Wisconsin, during 1950 National Home Week, was this Cemesto home, built by Space, Inc.

## Objective: More Floor Space



PORTABLE wardrobe closet separates two rooms in Space, Inc., home

**Materials and design used by two young builders in Madison attracted a lion's share of attention from 13,000 National Home Week visitors**

**N**EAR the top in popularity among 12 homes displayed during National Home Week last fall in Madison, Wisconsin, was a home built by Space, Inc. In Madison, where average home costs are comparatively high, it drew attention with an attractive price tag, a clean, fresh design, and the incorporation of a rela-

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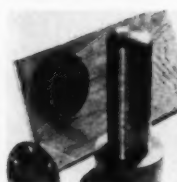
**Fireplace Units**—Superior Fireplace Co., 1708 C.E. 15th St., Los Angeles 21, Calif. Heatform Model S. Swedish design for corner fireplace is made in three sizes for right or left openings. Design of throat, downdraft prevents smoke troubles.



**Garage Doors**—R. L. Taylor, Inc., Dept. 6, 12430 Evergreen Rd., Detroit 28, Mich. Taylor-Made doors made of Galvannealed steel have door face as integral part of door frame to reduce weight. Company makes standard and special sizes.



**Gas Range**—Tappan Stove Co., Mansfield, Ohio. Model DD-72 range has Tappan Visiminder, combination oven heat control and valve, Flexo-Speed oven, Fiberglass insulation, large porcelain storage compartment and storage pull out drawer.



**Form Hole Covers**—Trail Companies, Inc., 839 Channing Way, Berkeley 2, Calif. Ply hole covers are used to cover holes in concrete forms. Covers are placed over hole, driven flush into wood with one blow on setting tool.



**Sash Balance**—Pullman Mfg. Corp., Rochester, N. Y. "Powerful Pigmy" balance is mounted in window sash. Window is perfectly balanced at any position. Requires 1 1/4-inch depth and 3/4-inch width. Lightweight. Requires no adjusting.

tively new material for that locality.

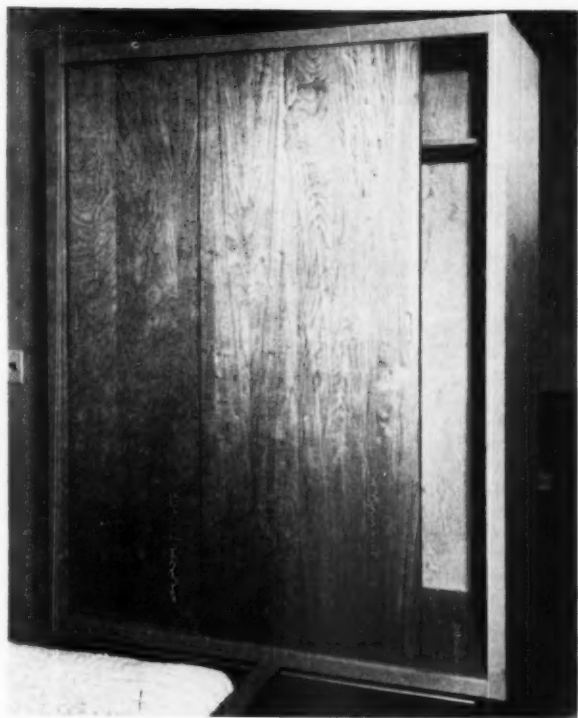
The home, a three-bedroom contemporary ranch style with over 1,000 square feet of floor space, was priced at less than \$10,000, without lot. Plus planning features of the home are a dining-living room combination ingeniously separated from a broken L type kitchen with a short partition, and a portable wardrobe closet used to separate a bedroom from another room which may be used as a den, game room or bedroom.

Other popular features of the home are a 6x11-foot breezeway, kitchen cabinets, a washing machine, copper plumbing, and complete interior decoration. It is equipped with a 72,000 B.T.U. forced warm air, oil-fired furnace, a 40-gallon hot water heater, and a tiled bathroom with shower and tub. The home is built on a concrete slab floor, insulated with Vermiculite, with asphalt floor covering throughout.

Material used for walls and partitions in the home is Cemesto, a structural, insulating panel, 4 feet wide and 1 7/16 inches thick. These are used in conjunction with 4x4 posts to form outside walls. Ceilings are insulated with Rockwool blankets, while the outside walls are self-insulating.

Space, Inc., is composed of two former G.I.'s, Builder Ivan D. Gregory and Architect Jack W. Klund, who, about four years ago teamed up with an idea that homes in Madison could be built in the low price bracket with more floor space. Members of the recently formed Madison Builders Association helped them work out some of their ideas, and now place them high among Madison's qualified builders.

While number of visitors to Madison's 12 homes displayed during NHW totaled more than 23,000, Gregory estimated that more than half that many visited his home.



**WARDROBE** closet, used as partition to separate two bedrooms or bedroom and den. is easily constructed



**KITCHEN** has Kitchen-Maid cabinets, Bendix washer, and copper plumbing equipment

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**Vitrified Bond**—Chicago Wheel & Mfg. Co., 1101 W. Monroe St., Chicago 8, Ill. New bond, "79," assures smooth, fast cutting action for vitrified grinding wheels operated at speeds up to 6,000 surface feet per minute. For portable grinding.



**Bolt Cutter**—Manco Mfg. Co., Bradley, Ill. Said to weigh 60 per cent less than conventional cutters of same capacity, 15-inch cutter has tough jaws that cut music wire without appreciable damage. Jaws are also easily replaced.



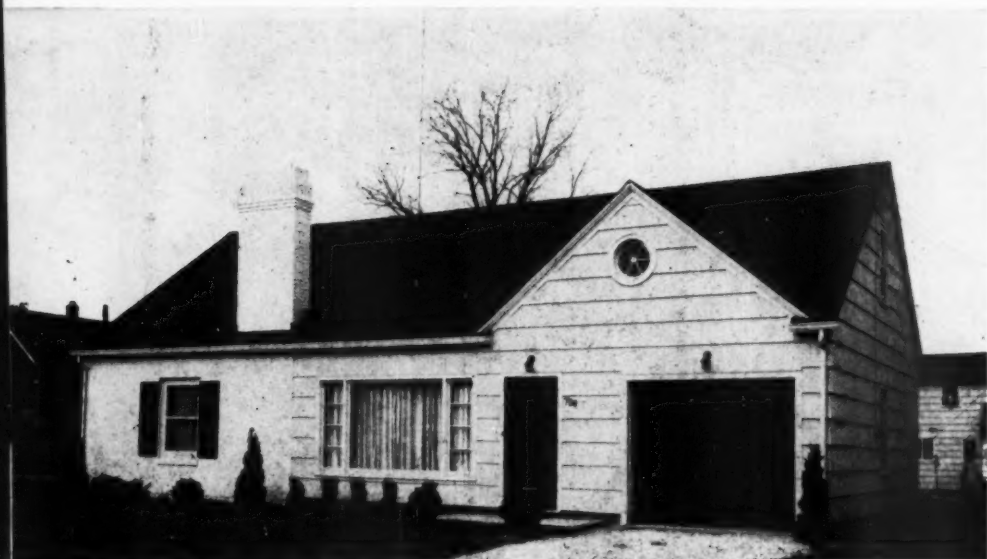
**Block Man**—Masonry Equipment Engineering Co., 325 E. Mich. Ave., Three Rivers, Mich. Helps one man handle 6 conventional or 12 light weight blocks easier than handling one manually. Over-all length, 52 inches. Pneumatic tires.



**Modular Kitchens**—Long-Bell Lumber Co., Longview, Wash. Made on 3-inch module, designs offer additional toe and knee space. Features include two sliding shelves in base units, adjustable, removable shelves, curved drawer fronts.

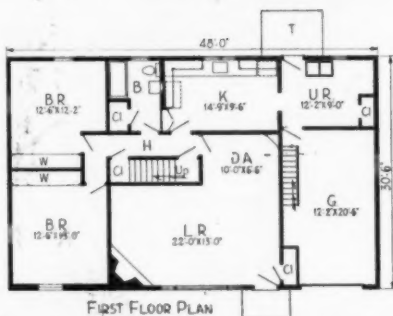


**Spring Sash Balance**—Master Metal Strip Service, Inc., 1720 N. Kilbourn St., Chicago 39, Ill. No-Draft units have springs of proper tension for various sizes of windows, and springs are housed with stainless steel for weather protection.

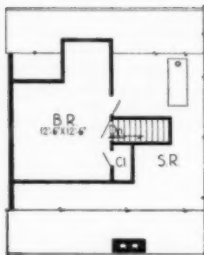


FRONT elevations of all Fred Schmitt Construction Co. houses are different, though each has basically same floor plan

## An Argument For Basementless Houses



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



ATTIC PLAN

RECTANGULAR floor plan and simple design of homes make them economical to build

**A Mansfield Ohio builder converts money saved with concrete slab floors into more house for the money**

**B**UYER resistance to basementless houses still prevails in many sectors of the country, though their popularity is steadily increasing. A builder in Mansfield, Ohio, is overcoming this resistance with good construction and design; and by converting money saved in basementless house construction into more house for the money.

At first, Builder Robert F. Schmitt met tough resistance. Mansfield home

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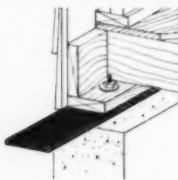
**Westinghouse Range**—Westinghouse Electric Corp., Appliance Div., Mansfield, Ohio. Commander deluxe model has Color Glance controls, Super Speed Cook unit, Two-Level speed cooker, and Miracle Sealed oven. Fast surface cooking.



**Building Panel**—Masonite Corp., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill. Tempered Presdwood, all-wood panel, is used as lap siding. Panel comes in widths of 4 feet, is durable and free from grain, knots. Holds paint exceptionally well.



**Impactor**—Wayer Impactor, Inc., 12 N. Third St., Columbus 15, Ohio. Tamps and smoothly finishes 45 to 60 sq. ft. of material per minute. Finishes flush to rails, curbs, manholes, or walls where rollers cannot reach. Self-propelled.



**Sill Sealer**—The Celotex Corp., 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Flexcell, 8-inch wide, 1/2-inch thick, forms excellent seal between foundation and sill plate to minimize heat loss and wind infiltration. Not affected by termites or fungus.



**Roof Protection**—Grems Mfg. Co., Klamath Falls, Ore. Permalume inhibits oxidation and depreciation of asphalt and composition roofing. Stops rust and waterproofs metal, concrete, fiberboard, canvas and many other surfaces.

buyers did not feel that slab floors could be properly heated; that a basementless house usually did not have enough storage space. Schmitt, co-partner of the Fred Schmitt Construction Co., armed himself with ideas that had been successful to other builders.

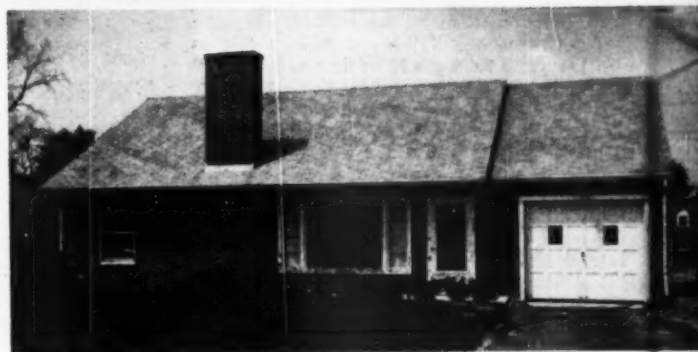
Now, Schmitt homes offer more than 900 square feet of free storage space in attics; warm floors obtained with proper insulation, and 100,000 B.T.U. capacity attic-type furnaces, using continuous air circulation. His three-bedroom houses, with garage, kitchen, utility room, dining-living room combinations and bath, sell for less than \$9 a square foot. "There is no difference in walking upstairs to attic storage area than walking down to a basement for it," Schmitt says, "and I can provide the space in attic for less."

Reinforced concrete slab floors in Schmitt homes are insulated around the perimeter with 2-inch thick rigid type insulation dipped in tar extending down 2 feet from the top of the slab.

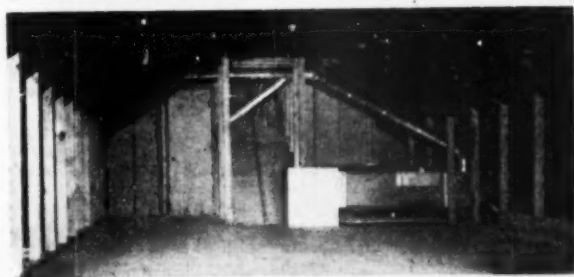
As a supplementary heating device, Schmitt has developed a hot water system that comprises a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch copper pipe imbedded in the concrete slab around the perimeter 4 inches from the edge. Fresh hot water is fed into the tube from the domestic hot water tank, going first through a water softener to take out minerals harmful to copper tubing. A circulating pump is used.

Schmitt homes are conventionally framed; fully insulated. A simple (yet attractive) rectangular plan has permitted more economical construction. Interior finish of the homes is lath and plaster. Floors are asphalt tile throughout, except in kitchen and bath where linoleum is used.

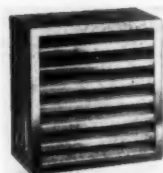
**MORE** than 900 square feet of storage space, besides one bedroom, are accessible by two stairways to second floor



SCHMITT homes have fireplaces, attached garages. Square foot price: about \$9



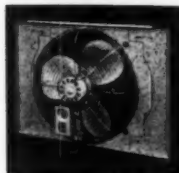
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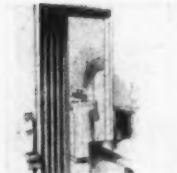
**Glass Block Ventilator**—Air Rectifiers, Inc., 3734 Southport Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. Standard Weather-Bloc units have adjustable glass louvers inside, permanent stainless steel louvers on outside. In 6, 8 and 12-inch sizes.



**Exterior Wall Panels**—American Bildrok Co., 2001 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago 9, Ill. For loadbearing walls, fireproof partitions in homes or other buildings. Lightweight, insulating, fireproof. Units may be sawed, drilled or nailed.



**Window Fan**—Seco-Lite Manufacturing Co., 4916 Easton Ave., St. Louis 13, Mo. Model W203, 20-inch unit, is direct driven with quiet motor. Has aluminum blades, spiral safety guard. Adjustable side panels. Weighs 29 pounds.



**Folding Door**—Holcomb & Hoke Mfg. Co., Inc., 1545 Van Buren St., Indianapolis 7, Ind. Plastic fabric covered "Foldar" has formed cornice which conceals top edge of closure and overhead track, giving it a modern, finished look.



**Dehumidifier**—The Walter Haertel Co., 2840 4th Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn. Junior commercial model "50" powered with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -H.P. unit has 24-hour capacity of 50 pounds of water removal from air. Operates for as little as 10 cents a day.



## Promotion Ideas Boost Sales For Dealer

**Toledo lumber company appeals, directly to the home buyer, who is encouraged to visit its yards. Results are better business**

**S**ALES promotion aimed at the home buyer is building a better business for the Hixon-Peterson Lumber Company in Toledo, Ohio. It is also contributing better services to local builders, to architects, and to home owners.

Bases for the promotion, which tells Toledo citizens the company is at their service, are an "Idea Room" in the lumber company main office building, and sales promotional literature that tells about it. One brochure, "How to Get Closer and Closer to Home," explains best procedures to be followed in starting a home, presents a table of costs and payments under financing plans, facts about selecting lumber and millwork, and details of Hixon yard and mill facilities. Object of the book is to bring potential home buyers into the yards.

Carrying through with their sales promotional idea, Hixon-Peterson went through a thorough house cleaning of all their yards and buildings making the entire layout as spic and span and as orderly as possible. Then the Idea Room was set up; invitations (in the form of promotional literature) issued. Once at the yards, a home buyer can browse through

enough materials samples, house plans and construction pointers to develop his own needs. Few clerks are needed, since the Idea Room is set up on a help-yourself basis.

On hand, however, as soon as a buyer reaches a decision, are Hixon-Peterson men who can suggest builders and architects who will do the job. Results of their efforts: the home buyers remember that Hixon-Peterson helped them develop their ideas; they were impressed with the Hixon-

Peterson courtesies, and incidentally, with their materials. In fact, they have usually selected materials from the firm's yards before they leave the Idea Room, though they were in no way obligated to do so by taking and getting assistance in their home planning.

The Idea Room, near the main building entrance, contains attractive displays of almost all materials needed in the construction of a home, including built-in ironing boards (and



**IDEA ROOM** is conveniently near entrance of Hixon-Peterson main office

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**Radial Saw**—Skilaw, Inc., 5033 Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill. Model 450, designed to serve as complete woodworking machine, is delivered complete with welded steel table, with either 14- or 16-inch blade. Guard is self-adjusting.



**Water Heater**—A. O. Smith Corp., Kankakee, Ill. Automatic Permagas gas water heaters have glass-surfaced steel storage tanks to prevent rusting. Made in 20, 30, 45, 60 and 75-gallon capacities, units have thermoelectric gas controls.



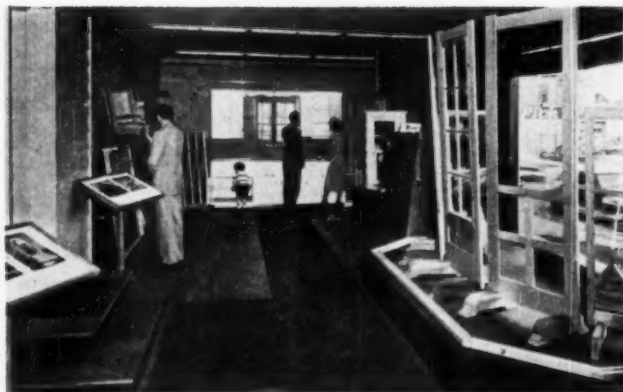
**Column Forms**—Sonoco Products Co., Hartsville, S.C. Sonotubes for forming concrete piers, columns and posts are made in diameters from 3 to 24 inches. Also used for forming ducts in concrete floors, lamp posts. Lightweight, cut by hand saw.



**Invisible Hinge**—Soss Mfg. Co., 21775 Hoover Rd., Detroit 13, Mich. Soss invisible hinge has no protruding hinge butt, making possible a complete flush door installation. Requires no special tools or skills for on-the-job installation.



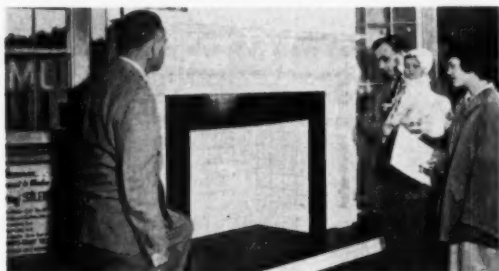
**Syphon Preventer**—Speakman Co., Wilmington, Del. New back-syphon preventer or vacuum breaker has simple construction—with only three parts: body, water valve and washer. Three-inch high brass body is chrome plated.



**FEW CLERKS** are needed in the Idea Room, where potential home buyers can browse around at will to select materials and planning ideas they want for their home



**LARGE SELECTION** of doors can be displayed in entrance by push of a button



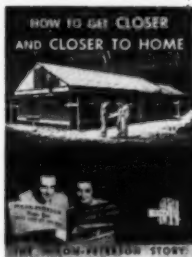
**SEVERAL FIREPLACE** ideas are demonstrated in the Idea Room



**DOORS** which slide on track are shown in entrance above

other kitchen items that appeal to female tastes), and entrance doors that can be changed in a full size entrance-way by the push of a button. Planning service books are placed strategically around the room on convenient stands. Visitors are encouraged to take a complete tour of the yards to look at lumber and millwork.

All publicity is handled for Hixon-Peterson by a local publicity firm. They conduct a sustained program of advertising in local newspapers.



**BROCHURES**, like one left, are made for Hixon-Peterson by local publicity firm. Hixon-Peterson yards are kept clean at all times, with high-grade lumber displayed

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**Attic Fan**—V. E. Sprouss Co., Inc., Columbus, Ind. Verco vacuum fans for attic installation, called "Economy Models" are offered in three fan sizes: 30-, 36- and 42-inch. Made in two models for horizontal or vertical installation.



**Shower Enclosures** — Standard Building Products Co., 621 McDonald Ave., Brooklyn 18, N. Y. Model S122 shower and bath enclosure is constructed of sturdy brass sections, triple chrome plated. Also furnish with oxford or scroll grille.



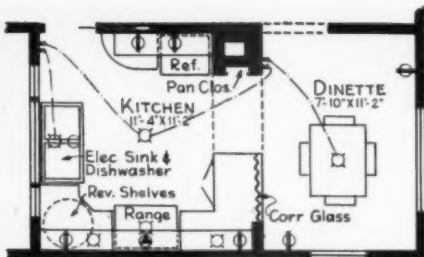
**Translucent Panels** — Victor Stansel & Co., Schulanburg, Texas. Glassite, jewel-like paneling, is rigid, has smooth surfaces and is lightweight. Used for interior partitions in homes, apartments, etc. Made knocked down and assembled.



**Sliding Door Hardware** — Sterling Hardware Mfg. Co., 2345 W. Nelson St., Chicago 18, Ill. No special header construction is needed to install model 630 hanger since standard door frame is used. Unit requires only 1-inch headroom.



**Vertical Blinds**—Sun Vertical Blind Co., 1632 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. Sun Vertical blinds are made of vertical strips of Celanese Multicord which are available in colors to harmonize with many color schemes. Easily hand washed.



NOTE utility and convenience of basket weave translucent glass used to separate the kitchen from the dining area

ABOVE LEFT is corner of kitchen with set of revolving shelves under worktop. Below is general view of same corner. Note wide fixed sash and valance above the sink

**Use of well known materials and equipment expertly placed and augmented by novel conveniences makes kitchens easy to operate**

## Kitchens with Planned Conveniences

**T**HE TWO kitchens discussed here were planned by Robert H. Ebenreiter, retail lumber dealer of "She" boygan, Wis. The photographs on this page illustrate the kitchen in the new home of his mother. Those on the opposite page illustrate the kitchen in his own new home.

One of the principal features of the first kitchen is the set of revolving shelves in the corner below the work top. This was designed and

produced in the company's own large custom millwork plant. Other cabinets are Kitchen Maid.

The list of products used in this kitchen designed for efficiency reads like a section of a blue book of nationally known brand names. It includes a Kohler sink, Dishmaster dish washer, Hotpoint range, Kelvinator refrigerator, Blow Fan ventilator, Formica worktops, Armstrong linoleum and Washington hardware.

Trim is birch, a product of the Ebenreiter company. It is called fluted casing.

A wide fixed glass pane over the sink provides ample daylight from that side. On the side opposite the sink, the partition dividing the kitchen from the dining area is made with cabinets up to work top height, and above these a basket weave translucent glass, attractively mounted to stop about one foot above

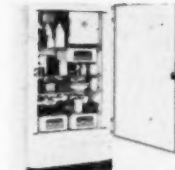
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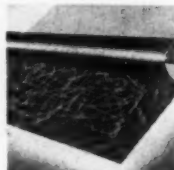
**Tiller Mixer**—Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus 16, Ohio. "Speedy" 3½-S side-discharge concrete mixer has patented Y-bottom. Drum turns on two Timken roller bearings, is chain driven by 3½ H.P. Wisconsin gasoline engine. Balanced for towing.



**Light Fixture Hanger**—Guth U-D-T Hangers feature a stem attachment that will not permit turning, twisting or up and down movement at ceiling. Move adjustment for leveling up to 2½ inches. Edwin F. Guth Co., St. Louis 3, Mo.



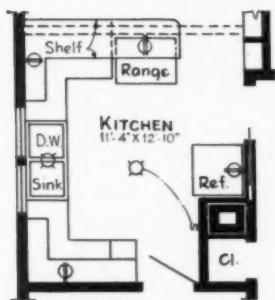
**Refrigerator**—G. E. Model NCS-8H has sealed-in refrigerating system powered by AC-52 mechanism. Convenient temperature control. Stainless steel freezer. General Electric Co., Appliance and Merchandise Dept., Bridgeport 2, Conn.



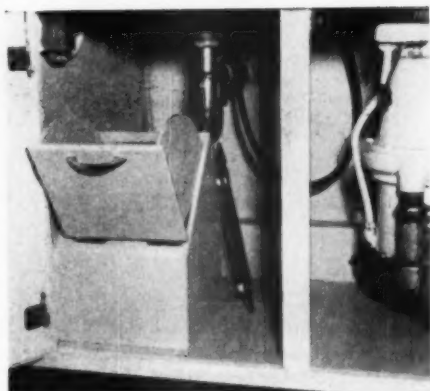
**Waterproof Paper**—"Glas-Kraft" has all-directional reinforcement which comes from bonding with continuous glass fibers. Used in construction for vapor barriers, sidewall sheathing, floor coverings. Glas-Kraft, Inc., Lonsdale, R. I.



**Prefabricated Homes**—The Coronado, selling in \$7,000-\$10,000 range is newest house of Gunnison Homes, Inc., New Albany, Ind., subsidiary of United States Steel Corp. Made in 2- and 3-bedroom sizes with variety of exteriors.



**SPECIAL convenience in this plan is the service facility between the kitchen and the dining area**



**HINGED TOP** rectangular chute installed under sink discharges tins and other refuse in waste can in basement

the worktop and one foot below the ceiling. The whole assembly extends about five feet beyond an 18-inch wingwall. It permits direct passage of light from the dining area window, and direct serving from the kitchen over the worktop.

Aside from the expertly placed equipment, chief features of Ebenreiter's own kitchen are a refuse chute below the sink, and design of the service facility between the kitchen and dining area. The waste chute is a hinged-top rectangular section placed in the cabinet under the sink in the compartment opposite the garbage disposal. It discharges into a refuse can in the basement. Top of the can is hooked to the chute when the can is removed for emptying. It eliminates collections of empty cans on the worktop. A cook book rack, recipe file, crisper over the oven, spice rack, and lights behind the window valance are other conveniences.

Equipment includes a General Electric dishwasher, Admiral refrigerator, Thermador cooking units and

Williams garbage disposal. Materials include Curtis Silentite windows, Kennatrack sliding door hardware, Washington hardware, Formica tops, Armstrong linoleum.

Height of the ceiling is seven feet, six inches. Effective use was made of the partition abutting the Thermador units, by installing shallow shelves for spices.



**THERMADOR COOKING UNITS** conveniently installed in worktop and in wall at right

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**Mortar-Plaster Mixer**—Model 3-P-ED of Gilson Brothers Co., Fredonia, Wis., is built for fast trailing on wide-wheel tread; has breadth of only 30 inches. Three cubic foot mixer uses gasoline engine or electric motor. Quality construction.



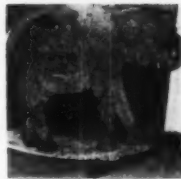
**Barbecue Unit**—Grillcraft unit in fireplace is made of heavy gauge steel with baked aluminum finish. Unit can be used both in fireplace, indoor and outdoor, and with portable cart. Grillcraft Co., 120 W. 6th St., St. Paul 2, Minn.



**Automatic Washer**—Model AW 584 of General Electric Co., Appliance and Merchandise Dept., Bridgeport 2, Conn., has tub capacity of nine pounds of assorted dry clothes and 17 gallons of water. Driven by G-E 1/3 H.P. motor.



**Safety Valve**—A chain-suspended ball which automatically drops down to seal off the gas line in event of severe explosions or earthquakes features a new valve made by Guardian Valve Co., P. O. Box 465-E, Redwood City, Calif.



**Plywood Doors**—General Plywood Corp., Louisville, Ky., produces exterior and interior flush doors in both hollow and solid core construction. Thin veneer and plies are bonded with American Cyanamid Co.'s plastic adhesives.



CONCRETE is placed in forms developed by Adam F. Pollman of Milwaukee. Forms are made in 34-inch-wide panels

## New Economies For Concrete Houses

**Faster construction and lower fuel bills were objective of Milwaukee builder-manufacturer's research**

*Photographs by The Milwaukee Journal*

**F**ASTER erection and lower fuel bills were two objectives a Milwaukee builder-manufacturer had when he began experimenting three years ago with concrete homes. Today, Adam F. Pollman, the manufacturer, believes he has contributed substantially to both his objectives, with new developments in concrete forms.

Much of Pollman's system of forms is conventional, varying in small details. It is in these finer details, however, where he believes his forms represent improvement.

The Pollman forms (patents ap-

plied for) are set up by beginning with inside wall forms, made in 34-inch sections. These sections are composed of four pieces of 2x7-inch fir, held together with four pieces of angle iron. Space is left at two points in each section for furring strips, which occur 16 inches o.c. in the finished concrete wall.

Furring strips are held in the wall by spike nails, driven partially into the strips, so that concrete is placed around them when the walls are poured. The strips are not attached to inside form sections, but protrude

through vertical openings in them.

When the inside form sections are in place, a waterproof building paper is placed over them to form a vapor barrier between the concrete wall and the furring strips. Reinforcing wire mesh is placed over the paper, and is held in place between the forms by the spike nail heads.

Wood window frames, developed by Pollman, are suspended between inside and outside wall forms with a special hanger system developed which automatically aligns them. The window frames are trimmed with a 1x2-inch



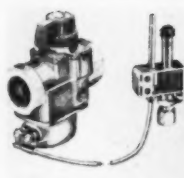
BUILDING paper forms vapor barrier between concrete and furring strips in Pollman system. Window frames held in place with hangers

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#### **Frost-Free Refrigerator**

—Westinghouse Electric Corp., Appliance Div., Mansfield, Ohio. New 10 cubic-foot 1951 line will freeze and store frozen foods and freeze chest has 41-pound capacity. Has Butter Keeper, Meat Keeper, Humidrawer.



#### **Safety Valve and Pilot**

Burner—General Controls Co., 801 Allen Ave., Glendale 1, Calif. Series 260 burner has removable filter screen to help stop lint plugging. MR-5 valve, 3/4-inch, has 100 per cent safety shut-off feature.



#### **Fan Circulating Heater**

—Bryant Heater Div., Affiliated Gas Equipment, Inc., 17825 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio. Model 528 has concentric louvers with propeller fan to give draftless circulation. Input, 65,000 B.T.U. per hour.



#### **Electricians' Bits**

—Acra-bore Co., Inc., Mill St., Webster, Mass. Precision made, full polished bits are now available in heavy red paperboard tubes with metal ends to protect them. Attractive tubes lengthen usability of each bit.



#### **Blanket Type Insulation**

—The Celotex Corp., 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Rock Wool Blankets are available in 8-foot lengths, and in either full-thick or semi-thick types. Provide unbroken vapor barrier from floor to ceiling.





**CORNER** form developed by Pollman can be handled by one man, and adjusted to any angle from 30 to 90 degrees

wood key which goes around them. This key is tarred to stop moisture or draft. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 4-inch expansion strip is placed around the frame to keep moisture from the concrete away from the wood frame. The frame can be removed easily from the wall for repair purposes if necessary, Pollman says.

Outside wall form sections are made of 2x4's, spaced at 8-inch intervals, faced with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch marine plywood. These are held to inside forms by ties fastened between form sections, and are secured at corners by a special corner form developed by Pollman. The corner form is adjustable to any

point between 90 and 30 degrees by taking out bolts and resetting them for the new angle. A corner form can be handled by one man.

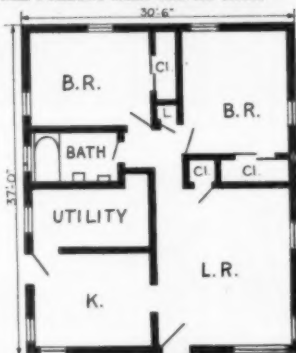
After the forms are stripped, Pollman uses sand and mortar to fill in small holes in the wall where form ties have been taken out (using about half mortar and half cement). He then places Terra-Tone cement over the outside wall surface. One recent home built by Pollman (illustrated here), with two bedrooms, metal kitchen cabinets, and lot, sold for \$9,400. All concrete work for it was done in 10 days by four men.



**MORTAR-CEMENT** mix is used to fill small holes where ties are removed



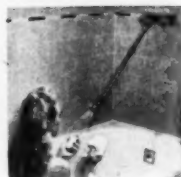
**THIS** concrete home built with Pollman's forms sold for \$9,400



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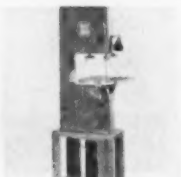
**Easily Removed Window**—RCS Tool Sales Corp., Joliet, Ill. "Kwik-Out" balancers provide simple means of maintaining constant pressure between window and jamb, yet window may be moved up and down easily or easily taken out.



**Adjustable Shower**—Milwaukee Flush Valve Co., 301 E. Reservoir Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wis. Adjustable, combination tub-filling spout and adjustable shower, is easily installed with one set of valves. May be put on after bath is tiled.



**New Ford Trucks**—Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., feature automatic Power Pilot carburetion-ignition control, providing economical power by metering and firing correct amount of fuel at right instant. Offers many other improvements.



**Band Saws**—Boice-Crane Co., 966 Central Ave., Toledo 6, Ohio. New models mounted on open type floor stands enlarge to 12 the total number of 14-inch band saws in this firm's line, plus complete line of light duty drill presses.



**Earth Handling Machine**—Sherman Products, Inc., 3200 W. 14 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, Mich. Power digger has below ground reach of 8 feet, and 10 foot digging reach behind tractor. Can load into standard dump truck using hose-type shovel.



**BUILDING TEAM** is comprised of two sons Charles H., Donald L. and father Herbert C. Huber

**MULTIFOOTE PAVER** is used for pouring slabs, sidewalks and curbs. Large bucket on extended arm allows concrete to be placed quickly in position, saving time and effort

## Under Roof in Two Hours

**New design, new equipment, and new techniques speed construction and reduce cost for Ohio builder**



**HEAVY** equipment quickly levels site



**LUMBER** moving into shed to be cut to size



**RACKED CUT** lumber for use on jig tables

**T**HE INTRODUCTION of mass building methods into all their projects has completely changed the operations of the H. C. Huber Construction Co., of Dayton, Ohio. By adopting site fabricating and assembly methods in 1945, the company has, through continuous improvement, set up a complete production line for the manufacture of house units. New cost cutting techniques and equipment enable them to produce a better house faster and for less money than would have been possible by the conventional method.

One of the most important factors behind the speed and economy of this home building operation is the Multi-Foote Paver which overcame the bottleneck that existed in the pouring of foundation, slab, walks and curbs. Heretofore the speed with which the

building operation could proceed was determined by the number of foundations available. The other crews were always far in advance with the cutting and assembly of units. With the aid of this large concrete mixing machine with its horizontal boom extending to all portions of the slab, the concrete mix was quickly deposited where necessary and then the machine was moved to the next building site where the same performance was repeated. In this manner the speed of the operation was considerably stepped up.

The smooth running, economical system which characterizes the Huber operation begins with the design of the houses. All follow a single basic plan which is a simple 24x46½ foot rectangle containing five rooms and attached garage. Each house is placed

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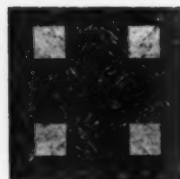
**Combination Window**—F. C. Russell Co., 1100 Chester Ave., Cleveland 1, Ohio. All-metal self-storing combination screen and storm sash has glass and screen panels easily removed from inside for cleaning. Magic Panel has automatic locking.



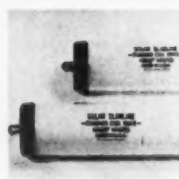
**Fork Lift Truck**—New series of heavy-duty Lifttrucks by Silent Host and Crane Co., Brooklyn 20, N. Y., have capacities of 5, 7½ and 10 tons. Dual pneumatic traction tires permit travel over soft ground and absorb impacts. Easy to manipulate.



**Level**—New 78-inch all-metal level for setting door jambs and window casings and other uses has adjustable, replaceable, metal mounted spirit vials—only tool needed is screw driver. Product is made Simplex Level Co., Detroit 7, Mich.



**Plastic Floor Covering**—Sandran is produced by photogravure process, with colors locked in a durable, stain-resistant vinyl plastic. Wide range of colors in 6-foot and 9-foot widths. Made by Sandura Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.



**Fluorescent Lamps**—New Instant-Start line of Solar Electric Corp., Warren, Pa., consists of 48-inch T12 40 watt tubes, 72-inch T12 65 watt tubes and 96-inch T12 75 watt tubes. Tubes are made with a single-pin base.



**JIG for gable ends.** Ribbons, gussets set in struts and rafters for added strength



**WALL PANELS** completed and placed on racks ready to be moved to site by truck



**CRANE** placing wall panels on trucks

upon a 55 foot building lot. The basic unit is subdivided with a minimum of partitions. Closets, cabinets, counters, trim, doors and all built-in units are fabricated in their own mill on the building site. The low-pitched roof, which helps give the house its contemporary look, is framed with trusses, mass produced on the site. They relieve the interior partitions of any structural function and thus permit the house to be quickly enclosed.

With the exception of ornamental railings at entrances, attached flower-boxes and the restrained use of shutters, the exterior design of the house wastes no money on applied ornamentation. On the contrary, the well organized fenestration, simple detailing, and variety of surfacing materials give the houses a well scaled ap-

pearance. These are actually contributions toward economy.

The Huber production line system carries far beyond the methods employed by other builders. Huber cuts all materials and assembles all parts of the house, including interior partitions and roofs on jigs, in the mill. Entire wall sections are built in one unit with sheathing, paper and exterior facing in place. All studs are notched in the cutting shed to receive two rows of horizontal 1x4 inch ribbons. Corner posts, door jambs and heads are solid 4x4 members housed into each other. Roof sheathing and trusses are completely assembled on one large jig. Before being transported to site, roof is cut into four sections for easy handling. Shingles are applied after roof is in place.

Huber has three large cranes, 12



**PLACING PANEL** in position on foundation

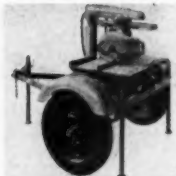


**WALL PANELS** in assembly process on site



**PLOT PLAN** of Plat No. 18, the latest project in Oakwood section of Dayton

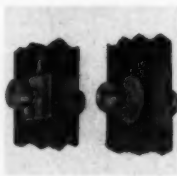
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**Trailer-Mounted Saw**—Delta Multiplex unit is equipped with double 360 degree radial action to give full saw stroke at any angle from 0 to 90 degrees right or left. Power Tool Division, Rockwell Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis.



**Stair Climber**—Escalator is essentially a comfortable chair with foot rest which is self-propelled along a small rail installed on staircase. When not in use, chair folds against wall. Is easily installed. Shepard Elevator Co., Cincinnati 14, Ohio.



**Locks**—Two new lock models by Sargent and Co., New Haven, Conn., are the integral lock (left) for residential use, featuring the positive protection of a deadbolt; and a new model of the Sargent 4500 line lockset. Attractive designs.



**Waterproof Paper**—Sisalkraft paper in wide rolls is lapped and sealed to serve as waterproof membrane between subfill and concrete slab in basement-tous. The Sisalkraft Co., 205 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.



**Oil Burner**—United States Burner Div., The Carlin Co., Wethersfield, Conn. New 4005 model has high temperature head and electro-magnetic fuel control. Exclusive Verni-flame control. Simple to adjust and easy to service.



**ROOF OF HOUSE** built complete on jig in assembly yard. Before removal to site roof is cut in four equal panels for easy handling by crane. Note metal rings for hooks



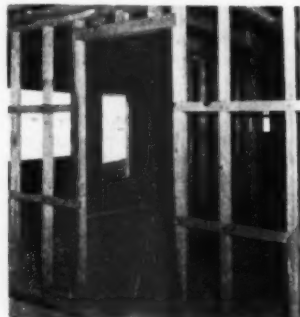
**ROOF TRUSSES** designed to obtain maximum storage in attic. Stairway provided



**ROOF SECTION** lifted on trailer by crane



**ROOF SECTION** in position on house



**WALL FRAMING:** 4x4 members at head and jamba. Bracing cuts into studs



**UNDERCOATING** applied by spraying



**COMPLETED HOUSE,** lawn and shrubs



**DESIGN VARIED** in roof, wall and color



**PRACTICAL DESIGN,** ample storage

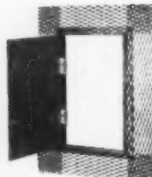
trucks and four trailers that he uses for transporting the sections from mill to site. Cranes are used for loading trucks and trailers at the mill and for placing wall and roof units in position on the building site. In this manner three men working with the crane can assemble one house and have it under roof in less than two hours. Dry wall is placed on walls and ceiling.

This firm, one of the most enterprising in Dayton, is comprised of a father and two sons, 18 and 21 years old. Despite their youth and inexperience Charles and Donald in the short time they have been associated with their father, have entered into the spirit of this new building method with vigor and enthusiasm. Many of the innovations used, particularly in

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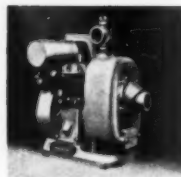
**Electric Saw**—Independent Pneumatic Tool Co., Aurora, Ill. New, low price six-inch Thor portable electric saw has built-in saw blower which blows from inside, keeping cutting line clear and motor free from dust. Fingertip control for cuts.



**Access Door**—Inland Steel Products Co., Box 393, Milwaukee 1, Wis. Improved Milcor steel access door has no-sag, spring hinges with removable pins. Covered with rust-inhibitive gray paint. Doors are shipped ready to install. In 11 sizes.



**Gas Furnace**—International Oil Burner Co., St. Louis 10, Mo. Model M7G gas-fired unit is designed for heating basementless homes. Warm air is circulated from bottom of furnace into ducts underneath floors. Has thermostat, limit, gas controls.



**Pump**—Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus 16, Ohio. Bantam 1 1/2-inch aluminum pump weighs only 60 pounds, pumps up to 5100 gallons per hour. Fits seat or trunk of auto. Features Jaeger "Sure-Prime" priming action. Has 1 1/2 H.P. engine.



**Concrete Form Ties**—Tie, made by Gates and Sons Inc., 80 S. Galapago, Denver 9, Colo., is a twisted galvanized spreader with loop at each end. Loop goes through form, and a steel rod slides through loop to hold the form in place.



TYPICAL of the many design variations that characterize houses in this project. All adapted to a single plan arrangement

the designs and layouts, can be attributed directly to them. The project now under construction and herein illustrated is designated as Plat No. 18.

This development will contain 100 houses when completed, each to sell for \$12,000 to \$13,000.

Through building houses by the production line method, Huber estimates that he establishes a saving of at least 10 per cent in materials and 15 per cent in labor. He also figures that he can increase his production in cutting, assembly and erection by 100 per cent without increasing personnel in these departments. Huber expects to complete six houses every 24 hours when they are operating at maximum capacity.



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN for all houses in sub-division. The basic five room arrangement with attached garage, placed on a concrete slab, is offered for sale at \$12,000 and \$13,000

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**Lamp Posts**—Jay Metalcraft Co., Box 35, Houston, Pa. Aluminum posts have copper lantern tops. Available in many styles, including old Boston glass tops. Post height is seven feet. Stands six feet when mounted, plus lantern height.



**Tile Cutters**—J.M.J. Products Co., Belleville, Ill. Model FT-1 tile cutter cuts all resilient floor tile. Makes even "bite" across tile with shearing action. Arm pivots are of cold-rolled steel cadmium plated. Company sponsors rental plan.



**Sump Pump Switch**—Kenco, Inc., Elyria, Ohio. New, Kenco floatless liquid-level control switch for sump pumps is completely submersible. Actuated by air pressure on diaphragm. Pumping continues after water is pumped below switch.



**Siding Shingles**—Johns-Manville, 22 E. 40th St., New York 16, N. Y. Improved Smoothgrain Permatone asbestos siding shingles have deep-grained appearance of weathered wood but have smooth surface to stay cleaner. Wide range of colors.



**Heating Unit**—S. T. Johnson Co., 940-950 Arlington Ave., Oakland 8, Calif. Aero-Lux 65U heating and air conditioning unit for small homes measures 25 inches square, is 52 inches high. This forced-air unit has Minneapolis-Moneywell controls.



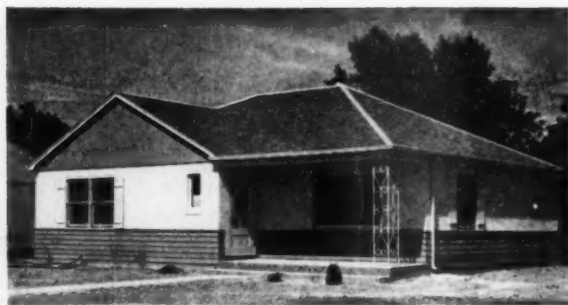
# "Houses in Uniform"

**Monotonous appearance in housing can be avoided, and charming individuality achieved by planning over-all color harmony**

**T**HERE are a lot of good reasons for uniformity of appearance in the houses in many developments that have been built in the past five years. But, there are many better reasons for avoiding it, and at least one very practical way of achieving individuality of appearance without adding to cost. While using many variations of exterior materials, the most economical and effective way was cited by John Bonforte, head of the Bonforte Construction Co. of Colorado Springs, Colo., recently, when he said, "The simplest, most noticeable, and most economical variations we have obtained are with color."

Color consultants say that people are afraid to use color—are afraid of being noticeably different. They prefer to copy the accepted standard of the neighborhood and "play it safe." The result is monotony. They ask, "What happens when a builder refuses to give buyers a free choice of colors, but sells his houses in accordance with a pre-determined color scheme worked out by a color specialist, whose job it is to assure individuality of each home with an eye to over-all color harmony and integration."

Bonforte reports an interesting personal experience. He has two proj-



**PLANNED color harmony gives this house individuality**

**Beatrice West** INTERIOR DESIGNER  
COLOR CONSULTANT  
for: BONFORTE CONSTRUCTION CO., Colorado Springs, Colo.  
March 23, 1950  
124 EAST 72nd STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
TRefalgor 9-4706  
EXTERIOR COLOR SCHEME #3

COLOR LOCATION	MATERIAL	SPECIFICATIONS
ROOF		DARK SLATE BLEND Asphalt Shingles
SHAKE SHINGLE or SIDING		ROSE DEIXON Stain or Paint
OF ASBESTOS SHINGLE		GOLDEN TAN
STUCCO		VIRING GRAY
TRIM		DARK
ACCENT COLOR - (front door & shutters)		MIND BLUE (A) or BRIGHT NAVY (B)

**COLOR SCHEME number three applied to house above**

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**Gate Operator**—Model-SW series, by Robot Appliances, Inc., 13165 Prospect Ave., Dearborn, Mich., will operate all types of sliding gates. Safety features include stopping at any desired point while opening or closing.



**Ironing Board**—Adjustable built-in ironing board can be lifted into desired position while open or closed; locked in one of 18 notches by automatic catch. Pushbutton controls. Rieter Woodwork Specialty, Cedarburg, Wis.



**Excavators and Cranes**—Schield Bantam Co., Waverly, Iowa, Model M-49 is interchangeable for shovel, trench hoe, dragline, clamshell, crane, magnet or pile driver. Can be mounted in any 1½ ton or larger tandem axle truck.



**Interior Finish**—Water-mixing Dramex one-coat finish colors and re-surfaces wallboard, plaster and other surfaces, covering blemishes. Dries in four hours. Made in white and eight colors. The Reardon Co., St. Louis, Mo. Easily applied, long lasting.



**Revolving Closet**—Revolvador, combination closet and dressing room made by Revolvador Corp., 1520 E. Slouson, Los Angeles, Calif., is operated by pushing slightly to move inside around. The door swings easily on pivots.



ects under way. The project in Colorado Springs consists of 333 houses. Work was begun early in 1948. Completion is scheduled for January 1, 1951. The second project in Pueblo consists of 96 houses. This development started early in 1950, is scheduled for completion this year.

The houses in both projects are virtually the same. Material specifications and architecture are practically identical. While constantly striving to obtain variations in exterior appearance by varying the roof framing, by staggering the houses at different distances from the curb line, and by changing the exterior finish through alternating stucco, siding and combinations of both, Bonforte was not satisfied that he was doing everything that could be done.

"In Colorado Springs," said Bonforte, "we allowed our buyers to choose their own exterior colors. This was possible because Bonnyville homes have been sold out for six or more months in advance, ever since the project was started more than two and one-half years ago. Unfortunately, buyers have chosen white overwhelmingly as their favorite color, and the result is a drab appearance.

"When we planned the project at Pueblo, we decided not to give buy-

**BROWN BLEND** asphalt shingles are the basic factor in color scheme number 7. Combined with antique white gables, flamingo stucco side walls and trim, and a front door of copper brown or ming blue, this scheme gives distinctive harmony

ers a free choice, but to sell the houses in accordance with a color scheme planned by Beatrice West. Even though the Colorado Springs project has the advantage of being older, and therefore, has lawns, shrubs and individual variations added by the buyers, the Pueblo project has more eye appeal and buyer appeal."

"Not one buyer," added Bonforte, "has raised any objection to the colors or the color plan of the project, or has insisted on the right to choose the colors of his own home. On the contrary, buyers welcome the individuality provided by color, and readily recognize the importance of community integration and over-all harmony which intelligent pre-planned color scheming assures."

Ten color schemes were developed by Beatrice West Studios for the Pueblo project. In each case, the first color selected was that for the asphalt roof. Color experts agree that the

roof must set the color pace and the color tone for an individual house, and particularly for a community of houses, as the roof is the largest unbroken visible area. Starting right with color means starting right with the right asphalt roof colors, according to Beatrice West.

The color scheme for an individual house does not "jell" and color planning for a community lacks integration unless roofs are in harmony with each other.

Asked why she selected nine roof colors for the Bonforte project where 96 homes were to be built, and only two roof colors for Levittown with 9,000 houses, Miss West explained, "The Levittown houses may be described as modern or ranch-type Cape Cod. Because it is less costly to expand upward rather than outward to provide additional rooms, the Levitt houses have over-sized attics. Consequently, the roof line is high.

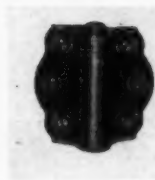
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March 21, 1950		
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**Heat Waste Alarm**—Sambok Mfg. Co., Fidelity Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Low-cost visual device indicates when a furnace or boiler needs adjustment or cleaning. Automatic Watchman, calibrated for each fuel, is easily attached to pipe.



**Screen Door Hinge**—Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn. New adjustable tension screen door hinge has spring adjustable to regulate speed of closing. Spring is in barrel of hinge. Made of wrought steel for half- or full-surface applications.



**Kitchen Equipment**—St. Charles Mfg. Co., St. Charles, Ill. Custom-built St. Charles steel kitchen has morning blue units with forest green vinyl counter tops with maple wall paneling. Two-level counter serves as desk and snack bar.



**Prime Window**—F. C. Russell Co., 1100 Chester Ave., Union Commerce Annex, Cleveland 1, Ohio. Rusco double-hung prime window is made of Armo hot-dipped galvanized ingot iron Zincrip, bonderized for paint adherence.



**Floor Material**—Roc-Wood Flooring, 364 E. 23rd St., Chicago 16, Ill. Roc-Wood flooring feels like wood, looks like cork, goes on with a trowel. Material of hardwood fibres is chemically treated, bonded with chemical hardening binder.

# All Is Not Lost

By R. E. Saberson

I AM FOR homes. Of that you may be sure. This means I am for any sound program that will make it possible for the greatest number of families to own their own homes. That, of course, excludes subsidization and all things pertaining thereto. It rules out Government ownership of homes as well as any of the several other devices thought up by ingenious bureaucrats to take the play away from the home building industry that has well demonstrated its ability to build homes, perhaps even faster than they may be needed.

But I am against inflation first, last and all the time and I have been concerned greatly during the past several months as I watched the inflationary spiral creeping higher and higher in the building material industry.

The same observation goes for labor, especially in residential construction, for it so happened that there simply wasn't enough of materials or labor to meet the greatest demand for both that ever had existed in the history of the nation.

Whenever we encounter a situation where there is more money (or credit) than building materials and labor you promptly begin to see the inflationary flames threatening the destruction of the very homes that are under construction.

That perhaps is tangling with the English language a bit in order to try and get across the simple point that it is not going to do anybody one whit of good if in demanding methods for maintaining our 1950 level permanently we should pull down on our heads the disaster of inflation which unfortunately not only would destroy the homes themselves but our free enterprise system and all that goes with it.

Yet month after month during the past summer, I saw price advance piled on price advance until there simply weren't half a dozen home buyers in a hundred who could readily afford to pay the price that they had to pay if they wanted to buy the home they wished to own or to finish the one they had under way. While they couldn't afford it, they bought it just the same.

Perhaps I fear inflation too greatly.

**It's possible, after all, that the reduction in new homes estimated to result from current controls may throttle the price spiral and be a good thing in general for the health of the home building industry**

Frequently I have tempered my criticism of higher and higher prices simply because it seemed there never was going to be any other way than up. Then I would get to thinking of how quickly business men are wont to take to their heels when the downward turn finally comes and they try to pro-

I am fully aware that it wasn't long ago when I related the story of the happy young couples who were living snugly in their small but cozy and exceedingly high priced homes. So far so good. It now looks as though a great many of these couples will be able to pay out unless their incomes go to pot.

But isn't there something else to the story?

I'm thinking particularly of what too-easy credit terms did to prices and the perfectly outrageous deals that were perpetrated by certain individuals and companies in order to get badly needed materials away from somebody else.

If you will take time out to trace the 1950 upswing in the price of at least half a dozen principal building materials in short supply you will promptly come to the conclusion that all reason vanished from the building material industry and that nothing but the wildest kind of speculation was left in its place.

On the other hand, was the building material industry really at fault? Actually it didn't set the price at all but reflected what someone

was willing to pay. Therefore, the man who was sent to the Pacific Northwest or to the South or anywhere else with a checkbook in his pocket and with instructions to "pay whatever is necessary" is the fellow who really made the market.

But what about the man who was going to buy the home after it had been completed? Well, he didn't care much about an extra \$1000 or \$2000 either, since there was little risked in "nothing down," especially when the monthly payments still were considerably lower than a bewildered neighbor was paying for rent.

Sooner or later people quit trying to make it all add up until a war came along to tighten up the credit terms. Then all hell broke loose.

Everybody now seems to believe in

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tect themselves by getting out from under.

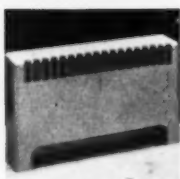
Frankly I can't make myself believe that we are geared up properly to build and sell as many homes annually as we built in 1950.

However, we seemed to get away with it in pretty good shape as long as we enjoyed (I hope that's the word for it) free and easy credit terms that made it possible for large segments of our population to buy a home without paying a cent down and in liquidating the debt in monthly payments running as long as 35 years after purchase.

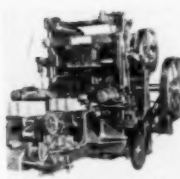
It was all very wonderful as far as buyers and sellers were concerned, but nevertheless plain common sense steps in persistently and raises the question as to whether there isn't something dangerous about such a situation permitting free and easy shenanigans.



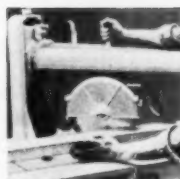
**Portable Elevator**—Sam Mulkey Co., 1621 Locust, Kansas City 8, Mo. Elevator is of all-steel, bridge-type construction, electric-welded. Can be handled and operated by one man. Extensions easily applied in a few minutes.



**Convecter**—John J. Nesbitt, Inc., State Rd. and Rhawn St., Philadelphia 36, Pa. Radiates heat moderately. Principal mode of heating is convection of air from floor level, through fin-and-tube heating element and out grille.



**Automatic Block Machine**—Besser Mfg. Co., Alpena, Mich. Super Vibrapac will produce concrete masonry units in all sizes and shapes. No machine operator required. Unidirectional vibration provided from two 5 H.P. motors.



**Radial Saw**—J. D. Wallace & Co., 136 S. California Ave., Chicago 12, Ill. Five HP motor weighs only two pounds more than regular two HP motors. Completely "radial"—motor unit travels 19½ inches in straight line in radial arm.



**Plastic Wall Tile**—A-1 Plastic Molder, Inc., 1415 Diversey Pkwy., Chicago 14, Ill. Twelve plastic tile pieces; 30 uniform colors—solid, pastel, marbled and pearlescent. Deep returns, laid easily over rougher walls. Blunt edges.



**Bonding Plaster**—Nu-Wall Mfg. Co., 923 N. 19th St., Milwaukee 3, Wis. Applied over poured concrete. Applied directly on concrete; no wire lath or base coats needed. Only ¼-inch Nu-Wall coat and ¼-inch finish coat required.



**Sash Balance**—Allmetal Weatherstrip Co., 2241 N. Knox Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. Sash balance and weatherstrip unit has coil spring enclosed in one-piece flexible metal housing. Sash clips hold spring at bottom of stile groove of each sash.



**Utility Kit**—Cummins Portable Tools, Division of Cummins Business Machines Corp., 4740 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. Has 20 pieces—for sanding, polishing, drilling, cleaning, buffing. Power unit is Model 160 Cummins electric drill.

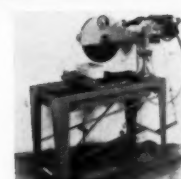


**Trucks**—Chevrolet Motor Div., General Motors Bldg., Detroit 2, Mich. Driver comfort is one of many features of 1951 models. Adjustable Ventipane provides cab ventilation. Seat springs are double-decked for durability and strength.

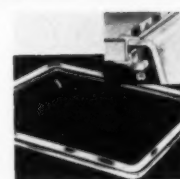


**Steel-Braced Forms**—Symons Clamp and Mfg. Co., 4261 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. Panels with steel cross members every 12 inches are recommended for heavy pouring. Brace plates can also be furnished for use on 2x4-inch braces.

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**Masonry Saw**—The Construction Machinery Sales Co., Waterloo, Iowa. CMC model, for wet and dry cutting, utilizes cutting head, arm and motor to permit alignment adjustments off the rigid column. Mounted on steel frame.



**Nosing and Edging**—R. D. Werner Co., Inc., 295 Fifth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Fold-down type straight faced nosing and edging is in 12-foot lengths to match fold-down sink frames now made by this company. For 1/16 or ¼-inch linoleum.



**Laminated Plastic**—Service Products Div., Woodall Industries, Inc., 2035 Calumet Ave., Chicago 16, Ill. Lamidall panel for kitchens and other uses has decorative pattern impregnated on tempered Presdwood with plastic surface.



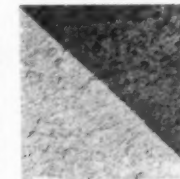
**Basement Hose Reel**—The Zierden Co., 3815 S. Kinnickinnick Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wis. Rollaway reel can be installed by anyone in a few hours, and is guaranteed for 10 years. Holds 125 feet of hose. No need to disconnect in winter.



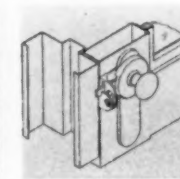
**Screeding Machine**—Whitman Mfg. Co., 3249 Cositas Ave., Los Angeles 39, Calif. Model "RS" eliminates labor of hand screeding and greatly speeds operation. Rods slab to level, puddles and vibrates entire depth and area of concrete.



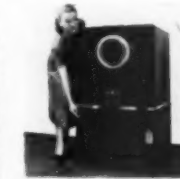
**Finish Aggregate**—Zonolite Co., 135 S. La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Composed of unfibred gypsum and vermiculite aggregate, it eliminates mixing time and gauging plaster. Offers smooth, hard finish over vermiculite or sand base coat.



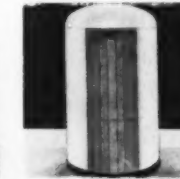
**Masonry Wall Covering**—Tuff-Kote Co., St. Charles, Ill. Tough soy bean oil Condura protects masonry with grout undercoat that hides irregularities, pores and mortar joints. Excellent for dry wall construction or plaster.



**Surface Latch**—Ceco Steel Products Corp., 5601 W. 26th St., Chicago 50, Ill. Standardized with firm's line of mortised cylinder locks. Steel latch bar is spring loaded. Latch body and guide are of malleable iron. Positive latching.



**Compact Gas Furnace**—Economy Gas Furnace Mfg. Co., 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Modulated flame system, new jet type burners and circulated heat assure efficient heating in large or small homes. Simple to operate, service.



**Gas Water Heater**—Servel, Inc., Dept. AB, Evansville 20, Ind. Copper ball-shaped tank stores water in this smartly styled heater. Fiberglass insulation averages 3 inches thick around tank. Small 20 and 30 gallon models, and 45 gallon units.



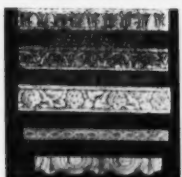
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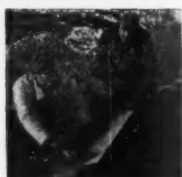
**Wall-Hung Lavatory**—Alliance-Ware, Inc., Alliance, O. Shelfback unit is addition to line of porcelain-on-steel sanitary ware. Deep apron at sides and front creates smart style in keeping with modern bath design. Size 20x18 inches.



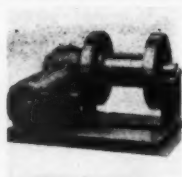
**Radial Saw**—American Saw Mill Machinery Co., Hackensack, N. J. Monarch model TNT Uni-Point radial saw has capacities of 3x16 inches cross-cutting and 20 1/2 inches ripping. Blades enter wood at same point regardless of angle.



**Decorative Moldings**—Bendix Mfg. Co., 192 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Chair rails, door moldings, trims etc. are available in variety of attractive non-warping woods. Can be ordered either from stock or to individual design.



**Stapling Hammer**—Bo-stitch, 929 Mechanic St., Westerly, R. I. Self-feeding H4 hammer enables user to drive home heavy 1/4-inch galvanized staple with one follow-through blow, using just one hand. Loads with nail-sized staples.



**Electric Hoists**—King Mfg. Corp., 3142 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago 22, Ill. New 800 series models are fully automatic, in five sizes from 2 to 10 H.P. and capacities from 600 to 3,000 pounds. No skilled operator is required.



**Windows**—Solar Air-Flow, Inc., Elkhart, Ind. Fits into wood, brick or stone construction. Modular design suitable to all types of architecture. Need not remove storm sash or screen. No screen wire to look through. Many sizes.



**Double Hung Casements**—Curtis Companies, Inc., Clinton, Iowa. Silentite units, used on both sides of picture windows, provide excellent weather tightness, and add to architectural appearance. Units are easy to install.



**Light Fixture**—Side-wall fixture, 14 1/2 inches long, uses Westinghouse "Cir-clarc" bulb. Baked white enamel finish. Suitable for variety of applications. Homecraft Electronic Products, 1208 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.



**Colored Cement**—Color-undum, a dry powder composed of coloring agents, fused aggregates, water-repellent compounds, hardening elements and binders, forms integral part of cement finish. A. C. Horn Co., Long Island City, N. Y.



**Basement Window**—Detroit Steel Products Co., 3101 Griffin St., Detroit 11, Mich. Packaged basement unit includes window, full glazed, screen and storm sash insert with screws and clips for installing. Also shipped unglazed and unpackaged.

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**Power Exhaust Fan**—"Airmax" unit of The Gollagher Co., 4108 Dodge St., Omaha 3, Neb., features low silhouette, weather proof outlet, full blackout. Designed to move maximum of dry, uncontaminated air at minimum horsepower.



**Double Oven Range**—Crosley Corp., 1329 Arlington St., Cincinnati, Ohio. High speed 7-heat surface units. Illuminated "Color-trol" for surface units. Clock timer for large oven and one of two appliance outlets. Infra-red broiler.



**Garbage Disposer**—Hol-point, Inc., 5600 W. Taylor St., Chicago 44, Ill. Has simple lock ring arrangement so that plumber can rotate unit to line up with existing plumbing when he makes installation. Clean styling, all wires concealed.



**Prefabricated Door**—"Fits-All" design is featured in prehung and fitted door and jamb produced by William R. Luze Co., 18 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Adjustable to any wall thickness and suited to any wall composition.



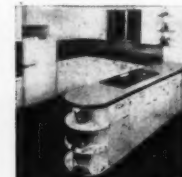
**Galvanized Windows**—Detroit Steel Products Co., 3101 Griffin St., Detroit 11, Mich. Factory galvanized Fenestra windows will help reduce window maintenance costs. Photo shows galvanized Fenestra steel window installation 23 years ago.



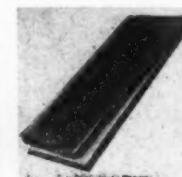
**Folding Doors**—New Castle Products, New Castle, Ind. Accordion-type folding door with pantograph steel frame and vinyl coverings eliminates obstructions, saves floor space. Modernfold doors are available in 22 decorator colors.



**Window Screen**—New York Wire Cloth Co., 445 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Low cost Duralum minimum tension screen eliminates need of side frames. Windows easily washed by removing screen bottom rail held by thumb screws.



**Kitchen Equipment**—Kitchen Maid Corp., Andrews, Ind. Long, peninsular kitchen arrangement includes two Kitchen Maid peninsular bases and Thermador unit. Opened base shelves and other cabinets are made in modular dimensions.



**Rock Wool Blanket**—National Gypsum Co., Buffalo 2, N. Y. Fireproof, mat-thick, sealed blanket of rock wool insulation is produced in 15-inch widths eight feet long. Other sizes also available. Vapor barrier on one side. Has "K" factor of .27.



**Asbestos Shingle Cutter**—Specialty Tool Manufacturers, Belleville, Ill. Lightweight "Improved Handy" asbestos shingle cutter, model A-32, has 32-inch cutting capacity and weighs only 31 pounds. Made of aluminum alloy; treated for strength.





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## No. D-74—Entrance Door with Side Panel

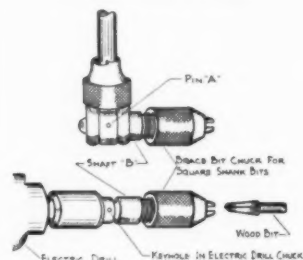
The combination unit of door and sidelight detailed on the opposite page is an entrance feature that is adaptable to either home or apartment. The photograph indicates its use with a large rental duplex apartment project where each rental unit has its own entrance.

The frame as detailed can be used with either wood siding, plywood, asbestos or wood shingle surfacing. In the case of brick veneer surfacing the wood frame is extended in depth and a brick mould is substituted for wood casing.

Sections 3 and 8 on Detail Plate shows the horizontal muntins and sill member extended to the back face of wood frame. This added width is convenient for plants or other decorative ornaments as shown in photograph.

In sill sections it is noted that the stud wall extends below entrance slab, and that concrete finishes against the wood sheathing. To prevent premature rot a moisture barrier should be placed between the sheathing and slab.

## How to Use Taper Square Shank Bits with Electric Drill



To use old bits with electric drill take bit brace apart at the ratchet. By placing the round shaft through the ratchet of drill chuck and placing the square bit shank in the brace chuck, it is possible to use square and round shank bits in the drill.

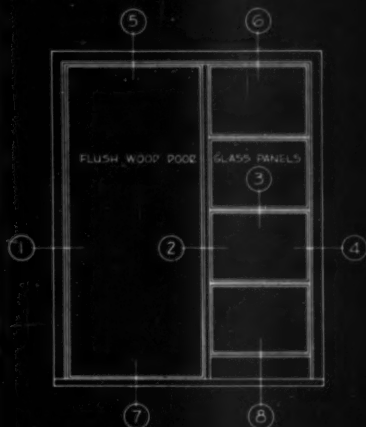
To change, remove pin A in sketch from old brace which releases shaft B, which in turn fits securely in three jaw electric drill chuck. This allows square shank bits to be used with drill. Since the three jaw chuck of electric drill will not hold square shank, a brace bit chuck is used as shown in sketch.—Submitted by Euclid G. Proper, Downsville, N.Y.

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# AMERICAN BUILDER'S BETTER DETAIL PLATE

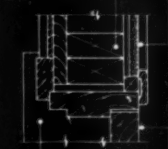
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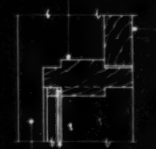
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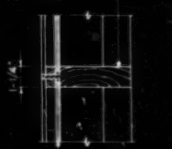
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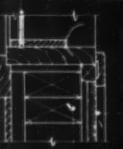
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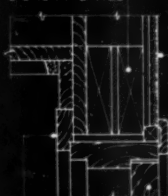
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2-2"x4" AT JAMB  
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GYPSUM LATH & PLASTER  
2-2"x6" AT LINTEL



EXTERIOR TRIM  
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INSIDE TRIM  
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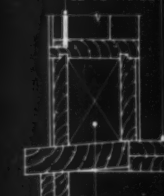
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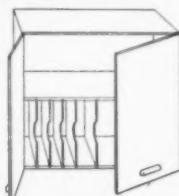
The problem involved in the alteration of the store front for the Judith Rochelle ready-to-wear store was to create a two-story effect with a minimum budget. The method used is indicated in the details and photograph shown on the opposite page.

To accomplish this change in an old building without extensive changes to the area above the first floor the store portion was extended about 3 feet 6 inches beyond the old front wall of building. From the top of the first floor deck to a point below the third floor windows solid wood fins were extended. These were placed in position in front of the existing wall above first floor ceiling. These fins are placed 12 inches apart and secured to old wall with two sets of clip angles for each fin. Expanded metal mesh is secured to the back face of wood fins and extends across the entire second floor. The wall surfaces behind the metal mesh, including the windows, are painted a jet black. With the fins painted a light buff and the metal mesh painted white, the area behind the fins and mesh are completely lost from view.

The extended portion of the first floor ceiling is supported by 3x10 wood beams. Wood deck above is covered with metal flashed into brick wall above. Wood slats, placed diagonally between the horizontal portion of wood fins, are intended for protection against the sun.

The bulkheads, pilasters at each end, and valance extending from first floor ceiling line to underside of deck are covered with Permatone facing. The colors of the facing are orchid, tan and rose. The ceilings of the vestibule and show windows are made of oak plywood panels finished in a natural tan. The vestibule floor is terrazzo made up of red verona chips with white portland cement and red pigment added.

## Installing Dividers



Installation of Masonite  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch tempered Presdwood in cupboards can be done quickly by cutting grooves in shelves as noted.

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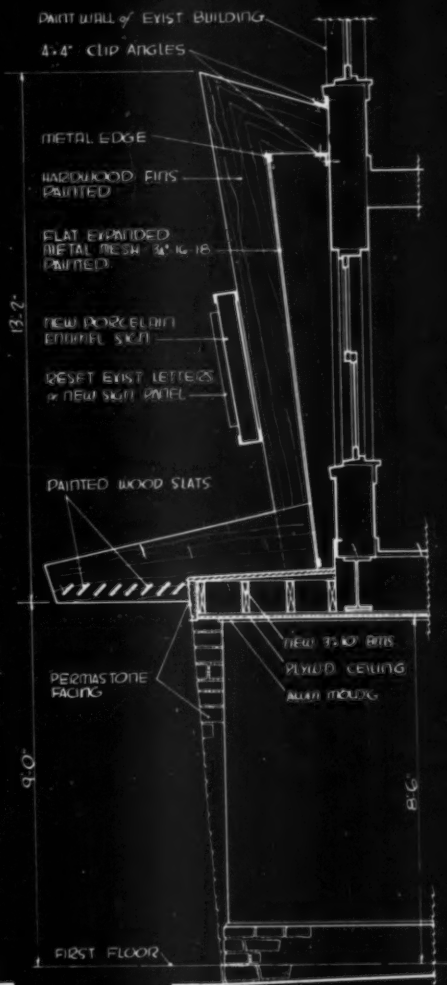
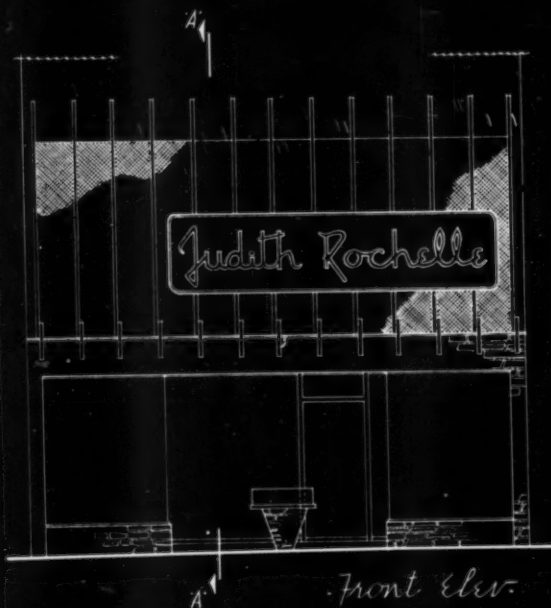
# AMERICAN BUILDER'S STORE FRONT DETAILS

Designed by Louis J. Gluskin for American Builder

## Nº G-15 - STORE-MODERNIZATION



*Judith Rochelle New Rochelle, N.Y.*



*Section AA*





McFarland home built by Schulenberg Construction Co. in St. Louis' Glendale area

## Walking on Warm Air

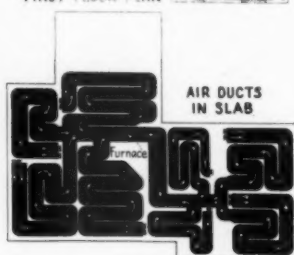
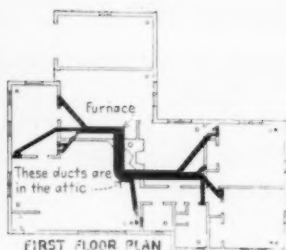
**Basementless house employs floor of two thin concrete slabs, and channels of brick between to circulate warm air throughout large area and make radiator of upper slab**

**W**ARM air coursing through brick channels between two thin concrete floor slabs is the source of radiant heat in the basementless house of H. C. McFarland in the Glendale section of St. Louis. Forced warm air is delivered to insulated attic ducts from a gas-fired Janitrol Winter Air Conditioner located in a utility room. From the ducts, laid between the joists, air is carried down through vertical stacks to baffled passages between the two slabs.

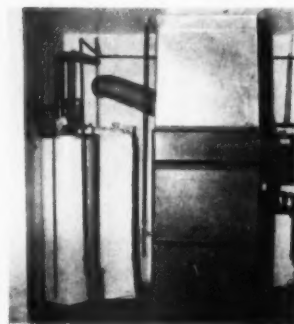
As in conventional hot water radiant "slabs," a relatively low temperature is needed to make the massive floor an effective radiator. Floor temperatures are never over 85 degrees, but heat is well distributed, and higher surface temperatures make comfort possible at reduced room temperatures.

Floor area of the house is about 2300 sq. ft. The bottom slab, 3 inches thick, is laid above grade on a 6-inch slag base. Then 5½ inches of air space, separated and baffled by brick withes, minimize the possibility of moisture penetration and floor condensation. The top slab is supported by corrugated steel laid directly on the brick baffle structure. The slab is reinforced with steel laid in both directions. The thinness of the top slab allows fast heating and cooling in response to quick changes in outside temperature. The floor is finished with a synthetic material manufactured by Armstrong. Following along curved channels sandwiched between the slabs, warm air is snaked back and forth across the width of the room's subfloor, to the end of the room, where

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ATTIC ducts (heavy black) carry warmed air down wall stacks, shown in partitions. Brick baffles direct flow of warm air under floor and back to the heating unit



JANITROL Winter Air Conditioner installed in utility room is gas fired. Domestic hot water is supplied by Rheem heating and storage unit in same room

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**Power Saw**—Black & Decker Mfg. Co., Towson 4, Md. Eight-inch heavy-duty Lactro-Saw has depth of cut adjustment from 0 to 2 13/16 inches. Unit is equipped with carbide tipped blades. Saw weighs 14½ pounds and works on A.C. or D.C.



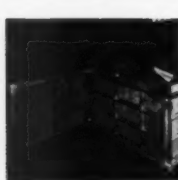
**Fuel Tank**—Black, Sivalis & Bryson, Inc., 720 Delaware, Kansas City, Mo. Obround basement tank of minimum width can be easily carried through doorways but stores enough fuel oil for average family needs. Unit holds 275 gallons of fuel oil.



**Wall Register**—G. E. Air-Wall unit directs air upward in fan-like pattern along cold wall of a room, warming cold surface so that it radiates heat. Air Conditioning Department, General Electric Co., Bloomfield, N. J.



**Combination Window**—Ingersoll Koolshade Stormshade Div., Borg-Warner Corp., 321 Plymouth Court, Chicago 4, Ill. All-aluminum combination storm window is equipped with Koolshade sun screen with louvre-like mesh of thin bronze strips.



**Concrete Forms**—Universal Form Clamp Co., 1238-56 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago 51, Ill. Uni-Form completely assembled units with Uni-Form ties require alignment on one side only. Inside, outside corners, fractional forms also available.



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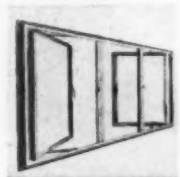
**Gas-Fired Boiler**—United States Radiator Corp., 300 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich. New US-16 gas-fired boiler features operating efficiencies and minimum service requirements. Extension jacket to cover controls also available.



**Smoke Alarm**—Valley Forge Safe-Eye Alarm Service, Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale, Pa. Photo-electric cell, sensitive amplifier and light beam projector units detect smoke in areas up to 200x30 feet. Burglar alarm also available.



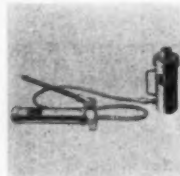
**Glass Knob Sets**—Shur-Lok No. 803 Pushbutton bedroom set features automatic alignment block, an emergency release in center of outside knob and "Anchor-Tite" glass knobs. Made by Technical Glass Co., Los Angeles 58, Calif.



**Aluminum Windows**—Universal Window Co., 950 Parker St., Berkeley 10, Calif. Donovan-Universal aluminum windows, including awning, projected and casement types, feature Alcoa hollow extruded aluminum sash sections, protective coating.



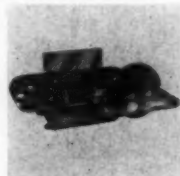
**Winter Air Conditioner**—Oil-fired 82,500 B.T.U. Hi-Boy No. 503 counterflow unit is especially designed for perimeter heating. Uses principle of warm air flow from bottom. Has front flue. Thatcher Furnace Co., Garwood, N. J.



**Hydraulic Ram**—Re-Mo-Trol hydraulic rams and pumps, by Templeton, Kenly and Co., 1022 S. Central Ave., Chicago 44, Ill., are designed to operate where limited space makes use of self-contained jacks impossible.



**Kitchen Ventilator**—Trade-Wind Motorfans, Inc., 5725 S. Main St., Los Angeles, Calif. Super Clipper ventilator, designed for installation in cabinet above range, has adjustable hood and ceiling grille. Filters are easily removed.



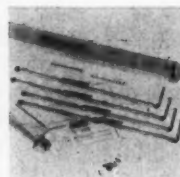
**Sander**—Toolcraft Corp., Springfield 1, Mass. Model 325 belt and disc sander has cast iron frame with steel platen, 8-inch disc and 44½-inch belt. Cast aluminum drums ride on pre-lubricated bearings. Disc table tilts to 45 degrees.



**Glazing Compound**—Tremco Mfg. Co., 8701 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Tremglaze mastic glazing compound requires no painting. Made in ten colors for use on wood, steel or aluminum. Compound retains resiliency for long period.



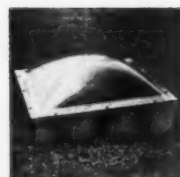
**Sharpening Fixtures**—Treyco Products, 264 Hartford Ave., Buffalo 23, N. Y. Grinder stand with Model 160 base is designed for sharpening saws from 2- to 16-inch diameters. Other available items include saw swage, all-steel saw set.



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**Sliding Door Hardware**—Washington Steel Products, Inc., Tacoma, Wash. "Washington Line" door tracks and hangers require no detail millwork or bottom tracks. For double, single doors, top or bottom mounted. Installation is simple.



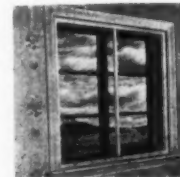
**Dome Skylight**—Wasco Flashing Co., Cambridge, Mass. Prefabricated skylight unit consists of Plexiglas dome attached to trim copper frame. Made in ten standard sizes with three types of Plexiglas. Shatterproof.



**Casement Windows**—Union Aluminum Co., Inc., Sheffield, Ala. Ualco aluminum casement windows feature flash-welded corners, trust-type hinge, ratchet hardware. Units are given satin finish by chemical treatment and special dip.



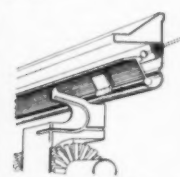
**Oil-Fired Furnace**—Wayne Home Equipment Co., Inc., 801 Glasgow Ave., Fort Wayne 4, Ind. Winter conditioner filters, heats, humidifies and circulates air. Capacities of 112,000, 160,000 and 210,000 B.T.U. at bonnet. Extra-size filters.



**Casement Storm Sash**—Weather Products Corp., Room 106, 248 Lincoln Ave., Syracuse 4, N. Y. Wepco inside-sliding storm sash for casement windows has frame with shallow bottom track to allow clearance for operating handles.



**Round Louvre**—Webb Mfg., Inc., 211 East Main Rd., Conneaut, Ohio. Model 252 Roundlouvre has bronze screen backing, requires rough stud opening measuring one foot, nine inches square. Company also makes line of round windows.



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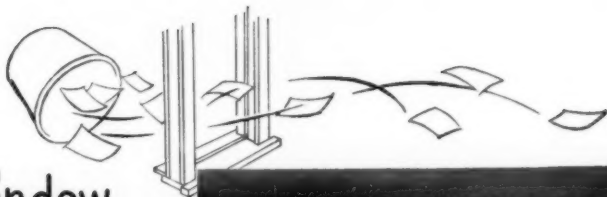


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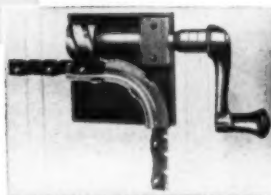


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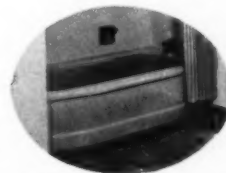
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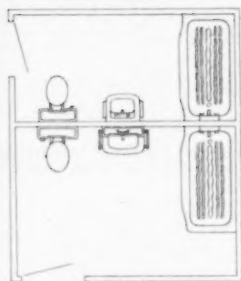
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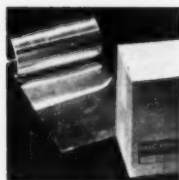


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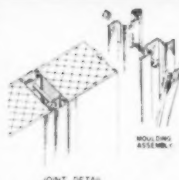
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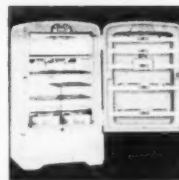
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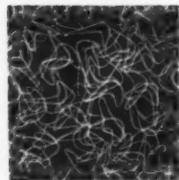
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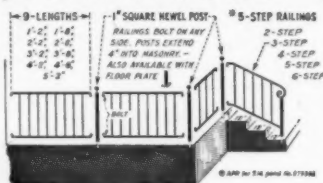
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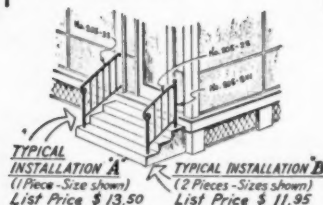
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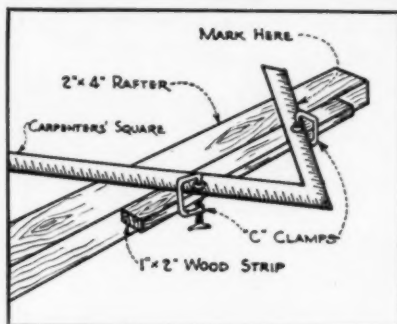
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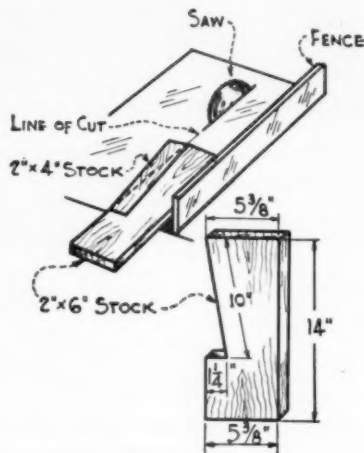
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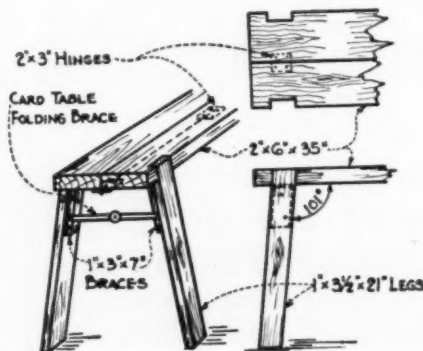
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**855—CLAY CHIMNEY TOPS**—The Perma-Top fire prevention clay chimney tops are presented in a new catalog available from The Perma-Top Co., 410 Shadyhill Rd., Pittsburgh 5, Pa. Units are for all types of gas and oil heating equipment.

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**860—22 RECIPES FOR BETTER LIGHTING**—have been issued by the Advertising Division of General Electric Lamp Dept., Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio, in the form of an attractive 30-page booklet. Valuable ideas on the latest in home lighting are presented.

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**868—"WHERE TO USE DOUGLAS FIR LUMBER"**—Available from the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, 1410 S.W. Morrison St., Portland 5, Ore., this 16-page, 2-color booklet will serve as a useful reference.

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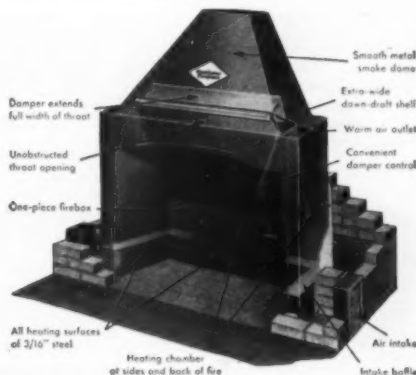
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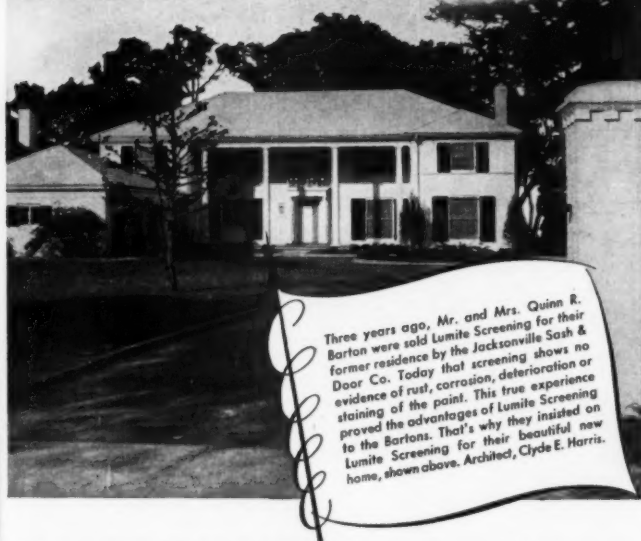
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## Perimeter Heating...

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## Floor Slab— Part of the System

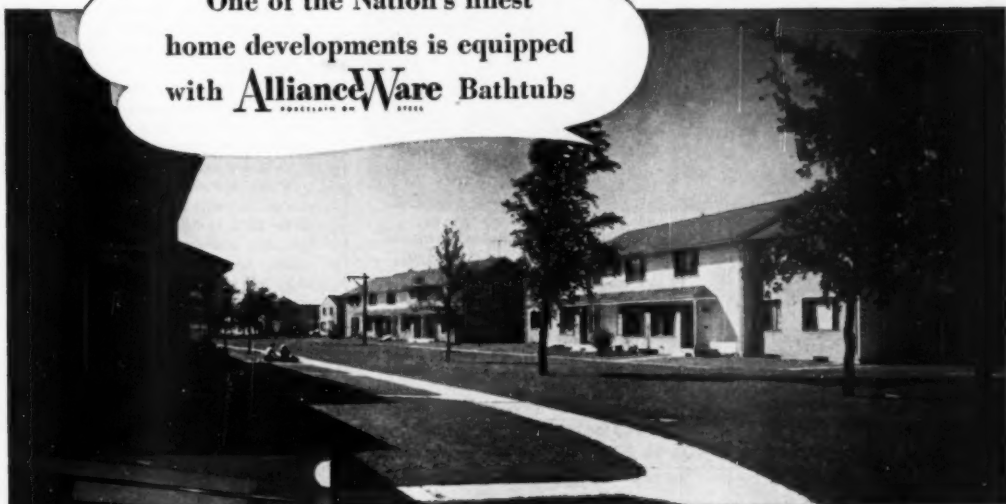
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The slab should be constructed on a well-drained site where the drainage is away from the slab and not toward it. There should be no standing water at any time. Ground moisture is an important governing factor. The slab must be kept dry. The finished surface of the slab should not be less than 6 inches from the established grade surface and the area within the founda-

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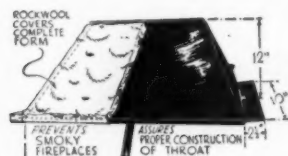
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## Perimeter Heating ...

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tion should not be deepened more than 2 or 3 inches for the underslab fill. The ground around the foundations should be terraced.

Choice of fill material is important. It should be a coarse material such as gravel or crushed rock, 4 inches thick, screened to remove fines. Sand or cinders are unsuitable.

A waterproof membrane should be placed between the fill and the bottom of the slab. It should completely cover the area within the foundations and extend up the sides to the top of the slab. All joints should be lapped and wiped with a suitable sealer.

Two-inch-thick insulation should be placed between the edge of the slab and the foundation and extend completely around the slab to reduce heat loss. This insulation should extend downward a minimum distance of 14 to 18 inches. Insulation should be waterproof and termite proof.

Care must be exercised not to puncture the waterproof membrane when the slab is poured. The concrete must completely encircle the ducts. Tamp and spade where necessary when ducts are close to the foundation wall. A "wet" mix should be used to fill the spaces under the ducts and between them and the foundation walls. In contrast a reasonably dry mix should be used for the slab.

Reinforcing mesh is recommended for the slab, particularly over the metal ducts.

Complete design and installation information about warm air perimeter heating, together with construction suggestions, may be obtained by writing to the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association, 145 Public Square, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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## Heating Controls...

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cial structure uses a minimum of automatic control, while a more pretentious residence may use a system with modulating controls for both heating and cooling in several zones. Larger residential and most commercial installations require control refinements that call for a relatively complex system. It may include such control refinements as modulating zone valves or dampers, plus outdoor sensing devices. This may be accomplished through an electric modulating system, electronic control (which is infinitely more sensitive), or a pneumatic system. The latter, entailing a complete system of small pipes or tubing, operates all the controls by compressed air. The pneumatic system is widely used for more elaborate control systems using from 10 or 20 control devices, up to several hundred.

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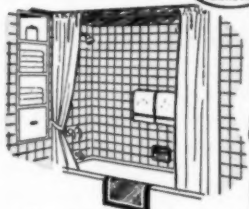
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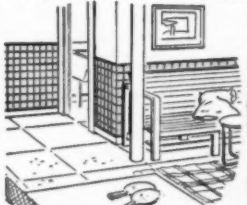
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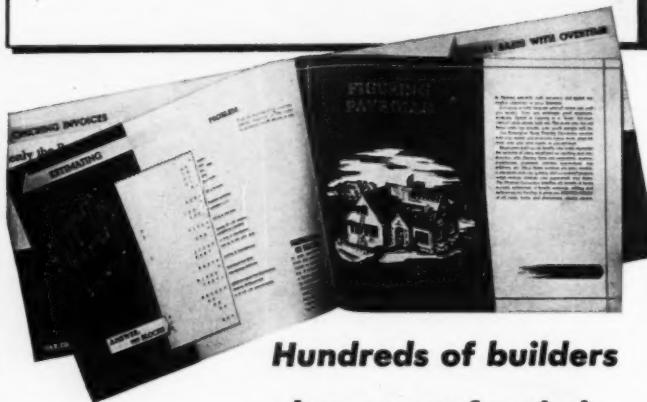
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The function of a limit control is to protect automatically fired furnaces and boilers from excessive temperatures. This is accomplished by shutting down the system whenever a dangerous boiler or furnace condition exists. There is a limit control specifically designed for each type of heating medium. The limit control for a warm air system is designed to sense the air temperature of the furnace. Forced warm air heating plants usually have a "Combination Furnace Control," incorporating a temperature sensing element that serves as the high limit switch and fan control. A hot water heating plant uses a limit control designed to sense water temperature of the boiler.

The limit control of a steam system (sometimes referred to as a "pressure switch") is designed to shut off the burner whenever steam pressure becomes excessive. Another limit control used to protect a steam system is the Low Water Cut-off. It is a float type switch, designed to break the circuit to the burner whenever the boiler water becomes dangerously low.

## Combustion Controls

The combustion control plays a vitally important role in the control system—particularly when used with gas or oil burning equipment. Gas or oil vapors which enter the combustion chamber from the nozzle of a burner are highly explosive elements which demand the utmost in dependable combustion control.

On an oil burner system, the combustion control is known as the Oil Burner Relay. It is simply an automatic switching device that can be controlled by the thermostat (usually low-voltage) to start the oil burner (line voltage). It is often referred to as a stack switch because, in many cases, it is designed for mounting on the stack of the heating plant. A temperature-sensing element extends into the stack and responds to the presence or absence of combustion in the heating plant.

Upon a call for heat from the thermostat, an electric spark ignition is turned on just as the burner starts. After a certain number of seconds, the stack relay must sense heat or it stops the oil burner. This is to prevent the possibility of a concentration of highly explosive fuel oil vapor

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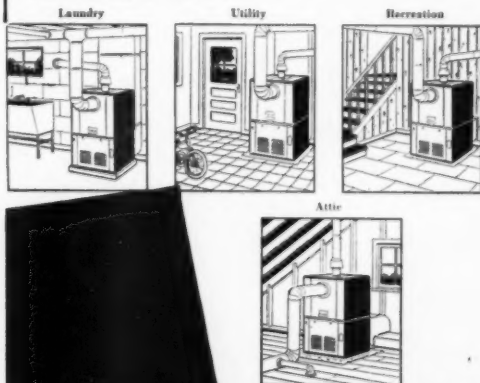


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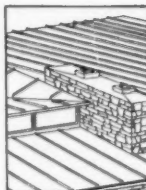
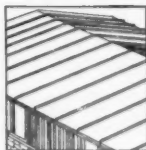
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from accumulating in the combustion chamber of the heating plant. In the event the sensing element detects the presence of heat, the ignition spark is turned off, and the burner continues to operate until the thermostat stops calling for heat. On larger installation, where a great volume of fuel oil enters the heating plant, there may be a continuous pilot flame. In such a case, the combustion control checks for a safe combustion condition before the oil burner is started.

A Stoker Time (which may be a separate unit or may be incorporated in the Stoker Relay), calls for a set firing interval and is independent of the thermostat. This is for the purpose of maintaining a minimum bed of fire so that the heating plant is prepared to respond to demands of the thermostat at all times. Some stoker systems employ a stack switch which calls for a brief stoker operation whenever the stack starts to cool. In the event of a complete absence of heat in the stack, indicating the absence of a coal fire, the Stack Switch prevents further stoker operation which would only continue filling the combustion chamber with unburned coal.

The Combustion Control on a gas heating system consists of an automatically operated valve which regulates the flow of gas to the burner, and a Pilot Safety Control. When the thermostat calls for heat, the heat of the pilot flame must be sensed by the Safety Pilot before the main control valve can open. Larger gas installations should have a separate electronic control system to prove the presence of a pilot flame before the main gas valve can open.

**Unit Heaters**

Unit heaters (very similar to automobile heaters) are widely used for commercial heating applications. Usually a single thermostat controls a group of heaters through a relay. Where a central heating system is used, these units are heated by hot water or steam. Warm air units, independently oil or gas-fired, also contain a separate control system. This warm air type of unit heater is generally referred to as a space heater.

The principal advantage of unit heaters and space heaters lies in its flexibility of installation and its ability to blanket a large area with warm air, circulated at relatively high velocity. This type of heater has generally been used where temperature control requirements were not

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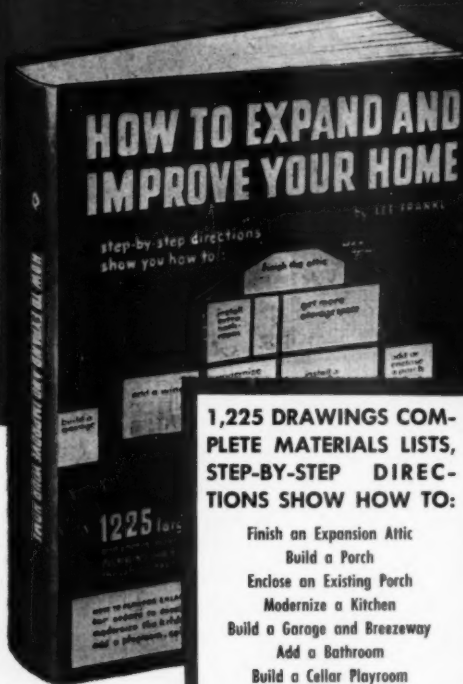
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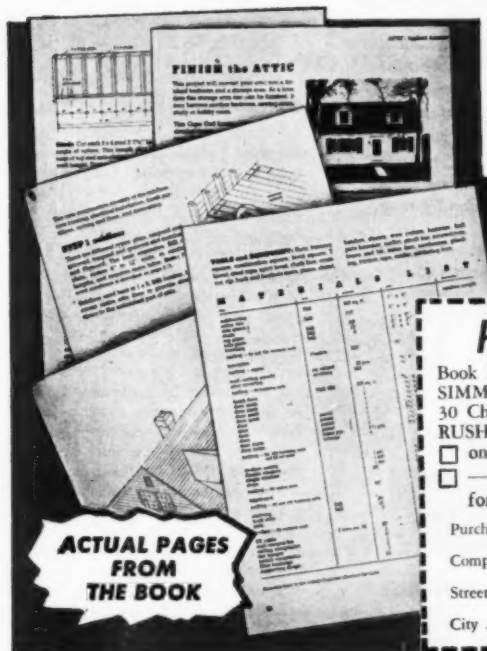
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Miss West explained that regional and builder preferences are second considerations in color planning. "Mr. Bonforte," she said, "wrote that he had no definite color combinations in mind. He added that people in Colorado are conservative in their choice of colors, and that many ask for white. He explained that he wanted to lead them away from the monotony of white with pastel shades. An occasional sharp color contrast such as ming red for the trim or the shutters would be desirable."

"Another factor is the site plan," Miss West said. "Levittown houses are built on flat ground with few trees and shrubs. Colors must naturally be soft and blend from one to another in order to achieve harmony. Color is the only background on which to depend. The Bonforte houses have Pike's Peak as a background. Another factor is the size of the project. There is a big difference between 9,000 houses and 96 houses. Put too many roofs on a big development, and it becomes impossible to hold a community of homes together. Integration is lost. In a large project, there is also the inventory question, and the efficient scheduling of materials on a volume basis. Production line building doesn't permit as much variation."

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He entered the service of Simmons-Boardman as business manager of *American Builder* in 1924. He was elected a vice president in 1932 and a director of the corporation in 1936. Since then he has been concerned with general management policies in addition to heading sales activities of *American Builder*. For the time being he will continue personally to direct sales operations.

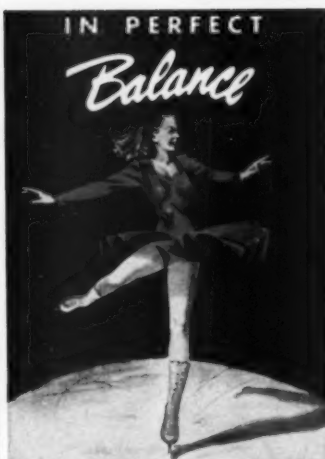
### S. O. Dunn Made Chairman Emeritus



Samuel O. Dunn, chairman of the board of the Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corporation, publishers of building, railway and marine magazines and books, including *American Builder*, retired as chief executive officer of the company at his own request on November 20, 1950. Mr. Dunn has been in the service of the company since 1907, becoming editor of *Railway Age* and head of the editorial department of the company in 1911, and continuing to serve in that capacity until 1948. He became chief executive officer in 1931.

He has been elected chairman emeritus, in which position he will continue in an advisory capacity with headquarters in Chicago as heretofore. He is succeeded as chief executive officer by James G. Lyne, president of the company and editor of *Railway Age* since 1948.

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exempting himself from the rigors imposed by the new regulations. It's all right to clamp down on everybody else but "no curbs for me." . . . Then comes a barrage of such words as drastic, dangerous, prohibitive, ad infinitum.

Today I came across an advertisement which listed the down payment required for veterans and non-veterans to buy a house under the new regulations.

Price	Veterans Down Payments	Non- Veterans Down Payments
\$5,000	\$ 250	\$ 500
6,000	250	850
7,000	500	1,200
8,000	750	1,550
9,000	1,000	1,900
10,000	1,300	2,300
12,000	1,900	3,100
15,000	3,550	4,300

Frankly I find it difficult to believe that these terms are going to put the home building industry in as bad shape as many would have us believe.

Assuredly if we had suddenly found ourselves blessed with these terms back in the '20s, we would have thought that we had come to the golden end of the building rainbow. Yet without them, or anything that even resembled them remotely, we set a home building record for a single year that was to stand until the present post-war boom was well under way.

Assuredly the new terms will drive from the industry a great many so-called home builders who flocked into it, not because they knew much about it, but because the going was so good they couldn't keep out. Based upon my personal observations, I am convinced that this exodus will be one of the greatest things that has ever happened to the industry . . . and the home-buying public.

A reduction in the number of homes to 800,000 or some such figure will come much closer to the capacity of the industry than the pace we attempted to maintain in 1950. That figure happens to be the annual average constructed during the five years between V-J Day and the beginning of the Korean war . . . the greatest home building period in our national history.

Assuredly a cut-back of some sort should reduce the velocity of the inflationary spiral which was driving building materials to prohibitively high prices. The inability of many segments of the industry to produce as much of the many items needed

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could only result in excessively high prices, black markets and dislocations of normal supply channels.

With the incompetents out of the picture, materials more plentiful and lower in cost (barring the exigencies of war), labor more readily available or labor-saving devices more generally in use . . . the building of homes should not become a forgotten industry simply because down payments have been increased to the amounts listed above and the liquidation period reduced to what it used to be when we thought it was too good to be true.

To be sure competition will rear its unwelcome head again and efficient salesmanship will have to be called back into play.

But what of it? Our most profitable sales are those which we have earned by virtue of our skill and ability. We shall have to roll up our sleeves and do a better job of planning, advertising, selling. If we are willing to do this, there will be plenty of people who have the cash to make the necessary down payment to enable them to buy a home. The market still is immense. Money never was more plentiful or good residential mortgages more eagerly sought.

The easy picking may have gone with the wind and taken with it the easy pickers, but there still is plenty left for the efficient go-getters who used to thrive mightily when things were far tougher and terms were far tighter than they are today.

### How To Use Sunlight

A study just published in the Housing and Home Finance Agency's Technical Bulletin No. 15 presents sketch plans showing how to make the most desirable use of sunlight and at the same time achieve maximum quiet, privacy, charm, and efficient room arrangement in single-family dwellings.

"Many houses are being designed today which meet specific room-size requirements but do not satisfy the requirement of livability from the owner's point of view," observes Architect Bernard Wagner, author of the article. He presents four model plans to help overcome this shortcoming.

Each of the four plans is for a two-bedroom house, tailored to a 50x100-foot lot facing a different direction. Regardless of which way the lots face, all four have living rooms that face south, or nearly south, to obtain maximum warmth and cheer from the sun in winter. In all cases east or southeast orientation of bedrooms was chosen, "to take advantage of sun's light on winter mornings and avoid the strong heat of the afternoon sun in summer."

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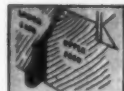
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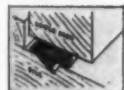
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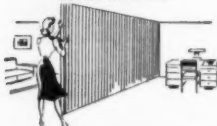


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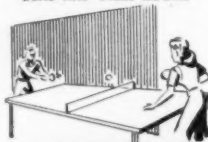
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heating unit specifically designed for installation by operative builders. The reaction from builders at the exposition was so favorable that the company designed an entire line for this purpose and will feature the new units in the current show.

The exposition will provide an opportunity for builders and exhibitors to probe first-hand two big questions. Builders want to know what materials and equipment they can buy with confidence of getting delivery when needed. Manufacturers are interested in learning how many houses builders expect to start in the foreseeable future.

Preliminary meetings of standing and special committees begin Thursday, January 18, and continue through Saturday. First of the general convention sessions will be the popular "Women's Program for Home Builders" at 10 a.m. January 22. Mrs. Henry Chalaron, builder from New Orleans, will be in charge, assisted by Mrs. Henny Mollgaard, Milwaukee; Mrs. Maud Butler of Tulsa; and Mrs. Irvin Blietz, Chicago.

Scheduled are a discussion of how housing for minority groups can be provided; a prospective debate on whether home builders are meeting the needs of American housewives in the homes they provide; and a presentation on what women can accomplish in politics.

At the same time a discussion group will explore management and financial problems of 608 projects. Nathan Mani-low, Chicago builder, and NAHB treasurer is scheduled to lead this panel with assistance from government spokesmen and builders.

## Builder Shop Talk

A new feature this year will be a series of "shop-talk" sessions for builders, led by Earl Smith, Berkeley, Calif. Beginning Monday, these informal sessions will run every morning. At the "shop-talk" all builders will have an opportunity to swap experience stories and talk informally with fellow builders from other parts of the country. The feature is an outgrowth of a highly successful informal meeting engineered by Builder Smith at the last convention, which gave the small builder a chance to get into convention discussions.

Monday afternoon will see the start of the general sessions. Association business will be disposed of at this time, with an opening address by President Thomas P. Coogan, a welcome from Convention Chairman E. M. Spiegel, the reports of Secretary Joseph Haverstick and Executive Vice President Frank W. Cortright, with election of 1951 directors. An outstanding "name" speaker will appear.

The big convention and exhibitors' dance with a vaudeville show will be staged Monday night. This has proved to be one of the most popular entertainment features of the convention.

Clinic discussion sessions will begin on Tuesday. Scheduled on this morning are a discussion of builders' tax problems

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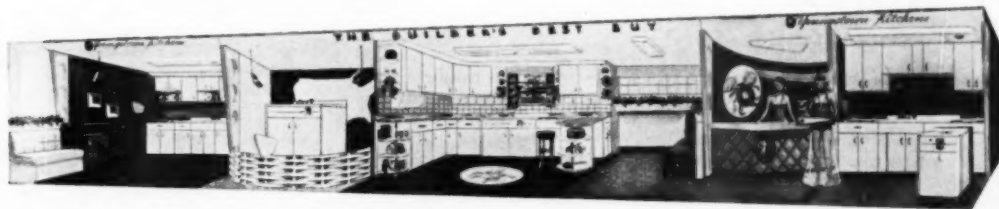
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led by Sylvanus Felix of Oklahoma City; "Building and Merchandising the \$20,000-and-Up House" with Irvin Blietz as moderator; a session on defeating public housing through local referenda; and a discussion of low cost rental apartments, led by Wallace Johnson of Memphis.

One of the most important general sessions of the convention is set for Tuesday afternoon when "Stretching the Supply of Building Materials in 1951" comes up for discussion. A group of top government and industry leaders will appear. A major address by a nationally prominent person will conclude the session.

Also set for Tuesday is the opening of a completely new convention feature, the "Man From Mars" show of new building devices, to be staged by Joe Schulte. This show, described as expertly staged and replete with surprises, will run continuously through Tuesday and Wednesday in the Eighth Street Theater, opening off the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens.

Other highlights of Tuesday's program will be the popular land planning panel and a report by Fritz Burns on his recent public relations and education campaign.

Design problems and their solution head the agenda Wednesday morning. There will be a program by the joint NAHB-American Institute of Architects architectural committee; and awards will be made to winners in a recent house design competition. A discussion of better house design will follow with colored slides for illustration.

## **Take Up Financing**

Two clinic discussion sessions will take place Wednesday morning. One, on simple bookkeeping and time and material accounting, will be led by Herbert F. Taggart of the University of Michigan, who is surveying builders' accounting methods for the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The other will be devoted to "FHA-VA-Federal Reserve Board Questions and Answers" with Regulation "X" as a springboard.

Regulation "X" will also get plenty of attention Wednesday afternoon when the general session will be devoted to the "Status of Housing Construction and Mortgage Finance." HHFA Administrator Raymond M. Foley; Federal Housing Administration Commissioner Franklin D. Richards and Veterans Administration Loan Guarantee Chief Bert King are scheduled to participate. The panel discussion, with outstanding builders and industry leaders appearing, will be moderated by NAHB President Coogan.

The convention banquet arranged by Edward R. Carr, past NAHB president, will take place Wednesday night.

On Thursday morning the old and new NAHB presidents will be questioned by the nation's leading real estate editors in a press conference on the ballroom stage. Other highlights will be a report by Earl Smith on the conclusions reached in the

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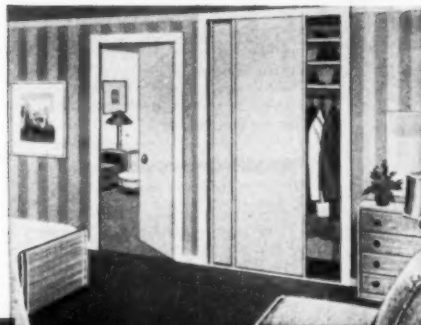
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## Dean Crandall to Lead Insulation Board Group

Dean D. Crandall of Buffalo, N.Y., was elected president of the Insulation Board Institute at the group's annual meeting November 16 in Chicago. Crandall, a vice president in charge of sales of the National Gypsum Co., succeeds M. C. Fairfield of the Insulite Division of Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co., Minneapolis.



Dean D. Crandall

Marland Wolf, Wood Conversion Co., St. Paul, Minn., was named vice president. J. B. Blackburn, Chicago, will continue as secretary-treasurer.

The board of directors will include Crandall, Fairfield, Wolf; Glenn W. Cheney of Dant and Russell, Inc., Portland, Ore.; Earl C. Faulkner, U.S. Gypsum Co., Chicago; William R. Wilkinson, Johns-Manville Sales Corp., New York City; and Marvin Greenwood, Celotex Corp., Chicago.

## "Operation Membership" Launched in Chicago

In order to establish as united a front as possible in opposing "inequitable regulations upon home building under the pressure of war necessity," the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association has launched an intensive campaign to extend its membership to every legitimate home builder as well as to all supply, finance and service firms.

Called "Operation Membership," the drive was launched in November with three components—a general membership revival, an active operating committee and a skilled follow-up man employed by the association.

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"Shop-talks" and presentation by Joseph Haverstick of his Dr. Hi-Cue quiz program. An unannounced special feature also is being readied for this session.

Entertainment and special events will include tours and other attractions for wives of delegates and a women's headquarters where assistance will be given in arranging shopping and sightseeing trips. For those who want to see Chicago builders' projects, the popular housing tours of Chicago building will again be arranged, with special busses leaving the Stevens Hotel throughout the week.

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## Hospital . . .

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The hospital was carefully planned for maximum operating convenience. All rooms used for routine business are consolidated in the stem of the "L." A particularly good arrangement is the segregation of the dish-washing space from the kitchen proper, which eliminates this traffic from the kitchen, and allows dishes to be handled in a continuous operation. Soiled china comes in by cart to



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a counter, which has an opening into a garbage can underneath. Dishes are scraped, washed, and dried, and sent directly into the serving area of the kitchen by way of a counter connecting the two rooms. A similar arrangement for handling laundry takes soiled linen through the various processes to shelves in the main linen storeroom adjoining the laundry. There are unit ventilating systems in the kitchen, laundry, surgery, and delivery room. In the latter two, provision has also been made for humidity control.

Patients' bedrooms, a four-bed isolation suite, two glass-enclosed nurseries (one of these is a "suspect" nursery with two bassinets), the nurses' station, and a solarium for convalescent patients occupy the wing at right angles to the length of the building. The cheerful interior color scheme was chosen with a view to the psychosomatic effect of color, the University of Minnesota research serving as a basis.

Each patient's room contains two beds, and is 11 feet wide and 16 feet deep. This planned spacing allows 2 feet 6 inches from the wall to the first bed; 3 feet for the bed; 3 feet 6 inches between beds, 3 feet for the second bed, and 1 foot 8 inches to the sink and the face of the clothes closet, which is 18 inches deep. Closets have double doors, as well as shelves at the top and bottom of the closet for patients' belongings. Each patient controls his own lamp and nurse's call bell, and there is space to plug in a

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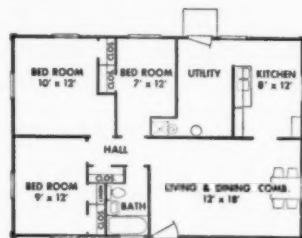
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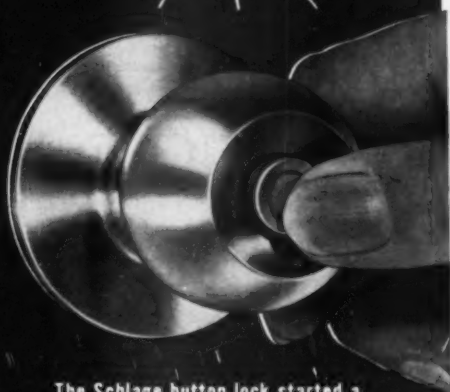
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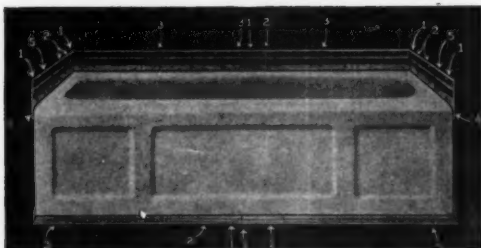
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**House within Building**

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slab floor, the model has three bedrooms, utility room, kitchen, living and dining room combination and bath; storage space in five closets as well as in the accessible attic, and a compact Winkler wall furnace with 70,000 B.T.U. input, as well as a hot water heater, kitchen sink and cabinets. The Cincinnati display home had a Thor sink with combination dishwasher and clothes washer, Youngstown cabinets, Sanitas wall covering, Briggs bathroom fixtures,



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Andersen windows, Dexter hardware. On the front right half of the home, Weldtex striated plywood was used. Other exterior wall covering was plastic coated plywood siding, placed vertically on gable ends. Roof was covered with 210-pound asphalt shingles. Insulation for the home was Lockport Cotton Batting Company batts in the walls and attic, with Reynolds Metals Company aluminum foil in the attic, also.

Local Ohio Homes, Inc. officials concerned with erection of the demonstration home were Harold D. Comey, president; Bud Schwein, general manager, and Richard Sandburg, in charge of sales. Officials from National Homes at the Grand Opening of the exhibition were James R. Price, president; George E. Price, vice president, and W. A. Shearer, sales manager.

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## Hospital

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telephone. Curtains between beds travel on an overhead track. Instead of Venetian blinds, colorful drapes made by volunteer local women at a considerable saving provide decoration and feeling for the room, while giving protection from excess light. Wood trim is natural finished birch.

The nurses' station includes general work space, a chart room, and a room for making up medicine. It is strategically located to command a view of the main and ambulance entrances, and enables the night nurse



QUIET distinction marks reception room

to control the reception room as well. The latter is marked by quiet distinction. One wall has painted wood flutes with louvered windows. A latticed overhang above the receptionist's desk gives proper scale for the girl sitting down at her work.

The hospital is so planned and oriented on the land available that an addition can be built as more space becomes necessary.

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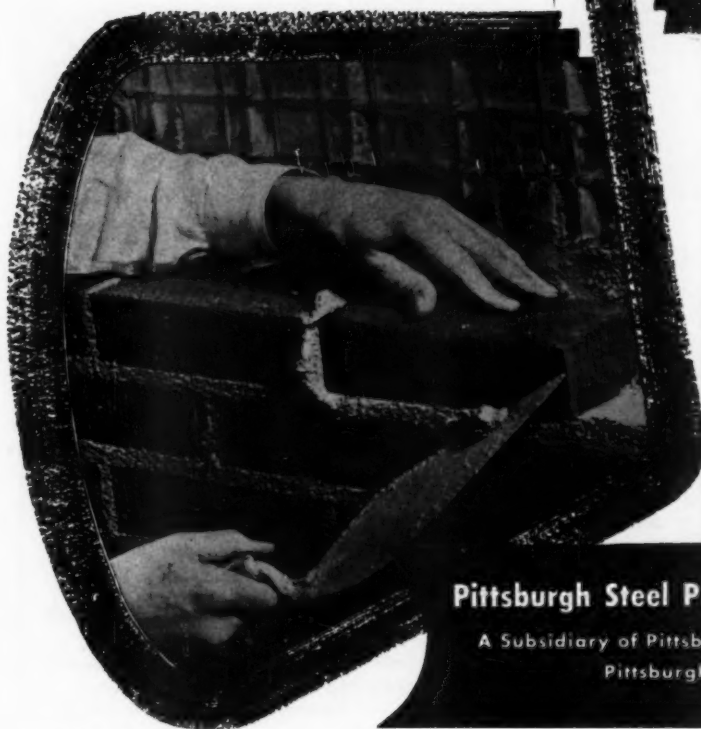
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## Texas The Great

By Martin C. Huggett

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The occasion of the recent National Directors Meeting at Houston, Texas, and an independent visit to Dallas have afforded an opportunity to observe two metropolitan centers of the "Lone Star State" that are said to be typical of that area's growth and progressiveness. The traveler leaves the scenes of his visits with an impression of grandeur which after a time resolves itself into two self-inquiries—"Did his impression arise from what he saw or was it as the Texans told it?"

Texas is a State of Superlatives where conservatism is a misdemeanor punishable with ostracism. Everything is the world's greatest, best, widest, highest, most numerous, fastest growing, or "what have you." Even the Rio Grande is claimed to be the world's dirtiest river, which is unquestionably true. An elaborate system of irrigation robs the river of its water but creates a fertile valley that furnishes millions of consumers with citrus fruits.

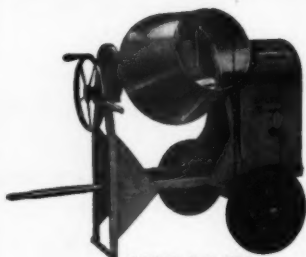
The City of Houston with its deep water channel connecting with the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston and its ample turning basin provides safe anchorage for the thousands of ships from all parts of the world. The channel is lined with docks serving the leading industries of the nation. An ever-increasing number of manufacturing and distributing plants seal the destiny of the city as the Texas industrial metropolis. With some 600,000 population as shown by the current year's census it stands well in front of all others in growth and justifies its braggadocio by the enterprise which has resulted in its growth.

Its glamorous Shamrock Hotel where the meetings were held presents visible and appreciative evidence of Texas claims. Built by an oil mogul seeking to find expression in a monument for his excess millions, nothing was spared in the pursuit of perfection. With pride and Texas patriotism rather than dividends as the prime incentive the hostelry has accomplished its destiny most nobly. It is justly famous.

Houston is often dubbed "the little brother" of Los Angeles since the pattern of growth follows similar lines. No rail transportation of any kind serves the urban or suburban population, only busses and private cars.

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## Texas the Great

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With a population of only 600,000 it occupies nearly as much area as Chicago with its 3,600,000 citizens. Consequently the growth is evidenced by a series of communities with much vacant land intervening.

Home builders have not been backward in maintaining their position and rank in the Texas jubilee procession but, strangely, their claims that appear wild at first are justified by visual proof. Their prowess in keeping pace with population and industrial growth is evidenced by numerous sizeable housing projects where Texans in all walks of life can find appropriate shelter.

From communities rivaling Chicago's gold coast and northern suburbs, down to snug homes for industrial workmen, home builders have displayed good taste, good planning, and good judgment.

Except in the lowest cost homes, brick and stone are utilized for exterior walls with very little stucco such as adorns practically all projects in California and Florida. A bountiful supply of reddish clay in the State provides an interesting color for common brick and variety is obtained by changing mortar shades. The stone, similar to Northern sandstone, is interesting but less colorful.

The roofs of the majority of homes, when not built in traditional styles, are of low pitch and are covered with composition roofing, wood and asphalt shingles. A complete lack of chimneys in lower cost housing strikes the Northerner as queer until he learns that heating plants in these homes consist of a gas wall heater in bath rooms and a gas stub in each other room where the buyer may attach a rubber hose supplying any type of space heater that suits his family as long as the fuel is gas. In the better homes small forced air central heating plants are often located in the attic section and summer air conditioning is becoming more prevalent.

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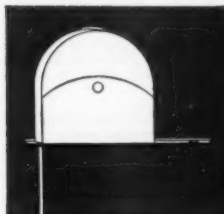


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**T**WO books that have not been promoted to any great extent and yet have been in heavy demand among builders and contractors are **PRACTICAL ACCOUNTING AND COST KEEPING FOR CONTRACTORS** and **HOME BUILDERS' MANUAL FOR CONTRACTORS**. The reason for their popularity is not hard to find because they both make direct contributions toward helping a builder manage his business successfully. Books that can do that deserve a prominent place on a contractor's bookshelf.

### PRACTICAL ACCOUNTING AND COST KEEPING FOR CONTRACTORS

by Frank R. Walker. 170 pages, 300 forms. 8½ inches by 11 inches. Frank R. Walker Company. \$3.00.

Here is a business book, now in its fourth edition, that is familiar to many contractors in all parts of the country. It is an easily understandable book, written by an expert on contractors' business methods who tells the builder just how to select the right accounting system, how to keep books in the easiest possible way, how to keep time records, how to handle tax and insurance matters, and how to draw up contracts. Then, too, there are other sections devoted to labor and material reports, subcontracts, material bought and sold records, Social Security forms, receipts and expenditures, etc. By good management the author of this book has avoided complicating what is too often a complex subject. All the information in the volume is practical and up to date so that if the author's directions are carefully followed the contractor using his book should always know just where his business stands. A particularly valuable feature of this work is the great number of sample forms illustrated and described. It is our guess that by using this book properly a contractor can simplify his off-the-job, after-hours paper work considerably.

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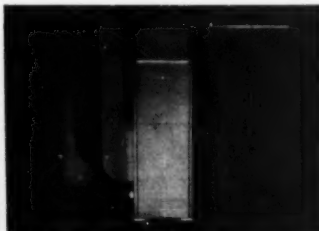
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**MICHIGAN** Thirtieth anniversary model home in project of eight hundred homes constructed by Miller Homes, Inc., in Detroit, Mich., equipped with G-E Air-Wall Heating.



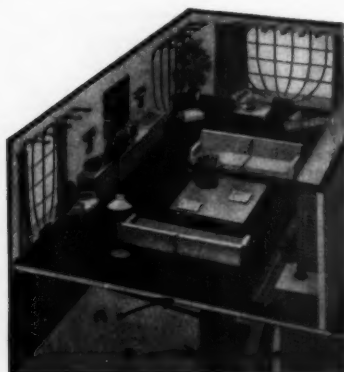
**NEW JERSEY** This is a typical G-E Air-Wall installation showing small duct size and return air fittings.



**PENNSYLVANIA** G-E Air-Wall installation in Williamsport, Pa., showing G-E Oil-Fired Unit and extended plenum.



**COLORADO** This interesting G-E Air-Wall Heating installation in Denver is made with ducts in concrete slab of basementless house.



Builders who use G-E Air-Wall Heating have important advantages over other builders. First, they can use G-E Warm Air Furnaces, for gas or oil, that are famous for economy and reliability. Second, they have a heating system that gives two types of heat in one—radiant and forced warm air. Third, since smaller ducts and standard fittings are used, costs can be figured more quickly and exactly. Fourth, they can use the power of the famous General Electric name to help sell their houses.

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## Texas the Great

(Continued from page 220)

Houston in population it appears to be somewhat more cultural in aspect and to have given more thought to its city planning and its zoning laws and regulations.

Its central position in the State makes it an ideal distributing point and practically all national producers are represented by warehouses, large and small. These and many manufacturing plants are grouped together in well kept and well ordered areas where they have become an ornament to the community.

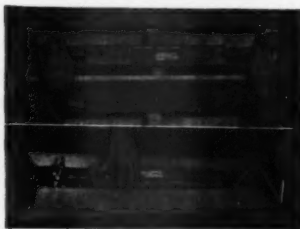
Here also were many fine residences but the most interesting group observed was a community where homes were sold for the most part under \$20,000. Whoever provided the home designs was a master of variety, color, texture, and individuality. Yet the whole pattern fitted so beautifully that one felt that here was a place to stop and live.

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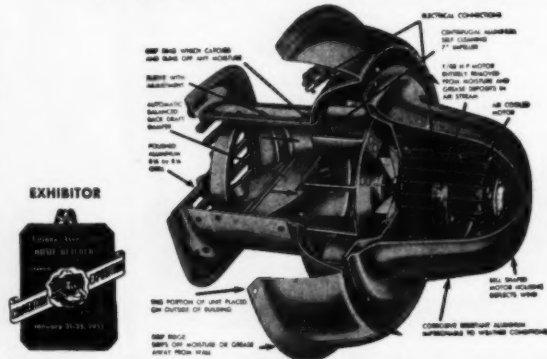
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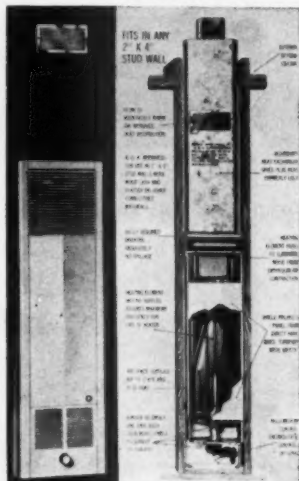
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## New Wall Heater Has Secondary Heat Exchanger

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### CORRECTION...

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, who supplied material for the article, "Installing Double-glazed Windows" (Page 48, November American Builder) requested this change be made: Glazing rabbit requirement should be  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch instead of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch.

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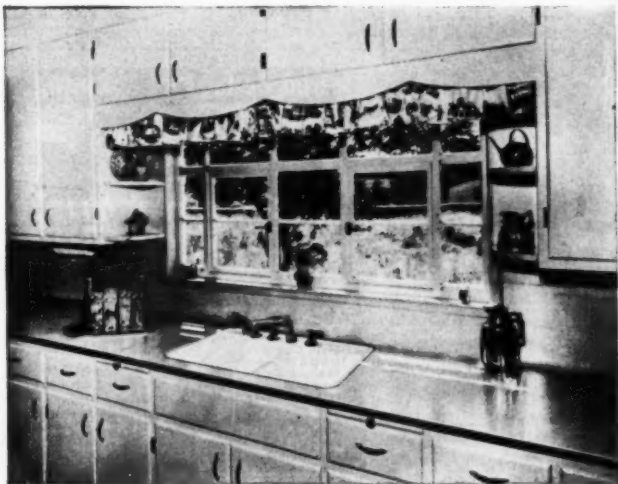
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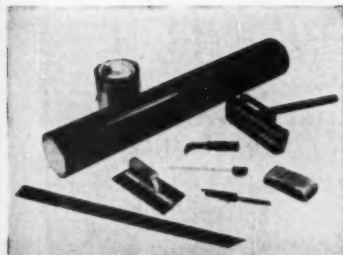
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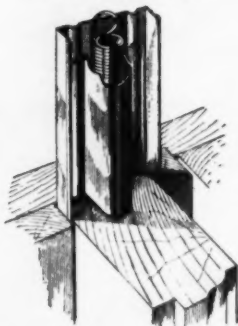
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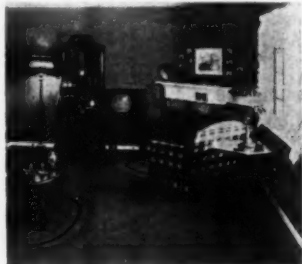
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## Study of Wiring Costs Reported Favorable for Multi-Outlet Assemblies

Summing up a study of wiring costs in two residences, one using duplex outlets in the walls and the other multi-outlet baseboards, Orth Electric Co., Cincinnati contractors, reported that the advantages of an increased number of outlets in the latter system could be had at a relatively low extra expenditure for materials and labor.

Both jobs specified a 60-ampere wiring entrance and a four-circuit



**PLUG-IN baseboard strip** allows unlimited placement of furniture and electric devices distribution panel. Installation of the baseboard electrical trim, which took the place of conventional baseboards,

cost \$403.43, the contractors said. It provided outlets every 18 inches throughout the house, 125 in all. The 22 duplex outlets in the other house cost \$335, or 20 per cent less.

The contractors pointed out that, besides the convenience of frequent connections, the baseboard system also permitted flexibility of furniture and electric fixture arrangement.

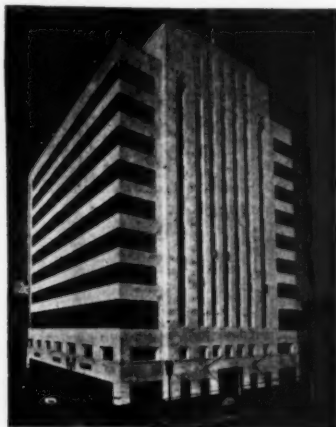
Plug-in strips permit automatic switch control of lighting from doorways, or constant service at every receptacle.

The \$18,500 homes selected for the wiring cost study were of brick veneer and frame construction. Built by the Martin L. Holman Co., Cincinnati, both have living-dining combination areas, three bedrooms, kitchen, bath, full basement and integral garage.

## Design Book

A book called "Twenty-three Garden Apartment Designs for Military Housing, Suburban Apartments and Low-Cost Public Housing," which contains the 23 prize-winning designs in the recent wood garden design contest of the Timber Engineering Co., is being made available by the firm to architects, designers, builders, realtors and investors.

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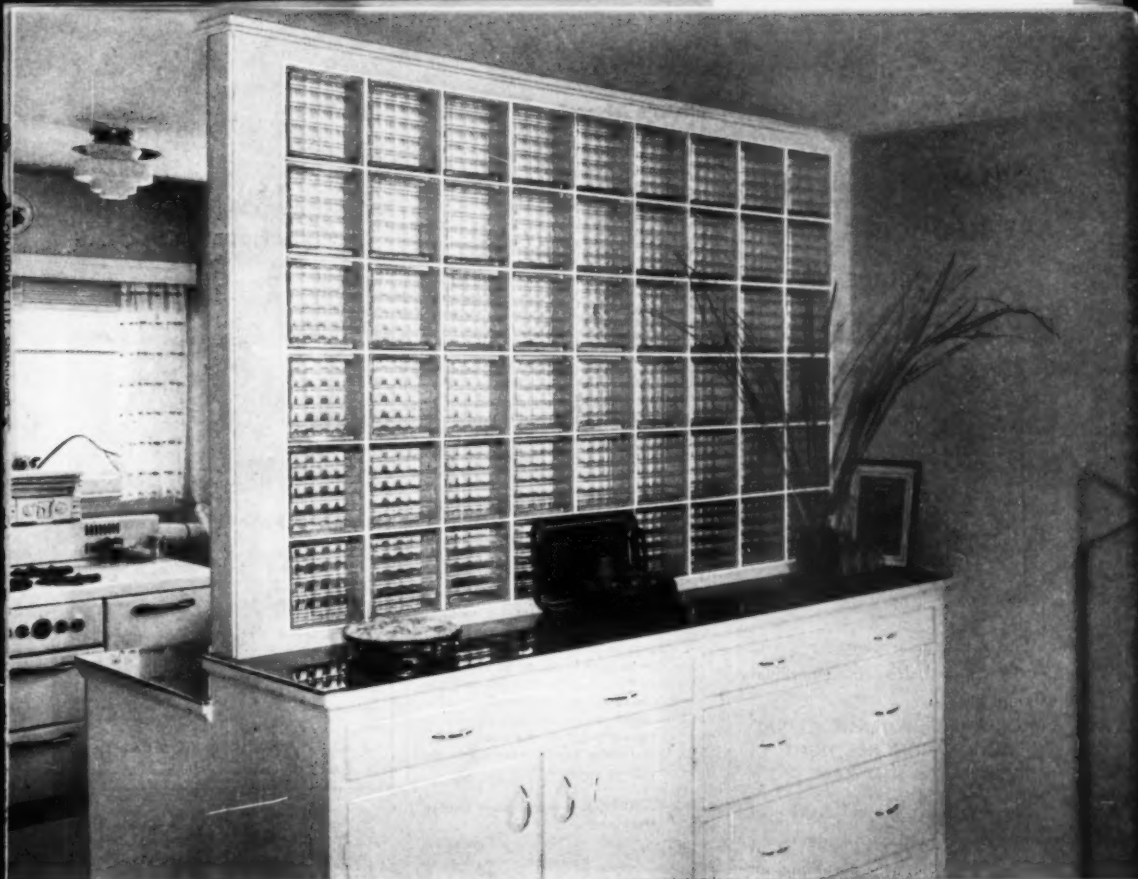
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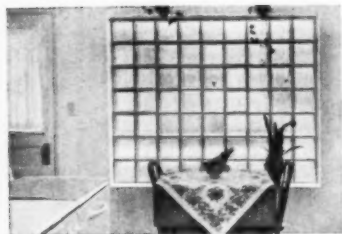
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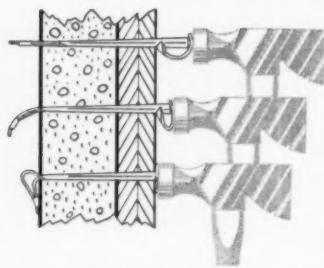


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## What's Ahead ...

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**JOSEPH A. GOLDMAN, Builder.**  
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"The American home building industry for 1951 faces an enigma of Gargantuan proportions as a result of the restrictive measures imposed on it by the new governmental regulations.

"Affected, as the result thereof, is not only the productive ability to create new homes, but also the financial ability of the consumer to purchase new housing units under such conditions.

"Recent government cut-back orders in such vital items as steel, copper, aluminum and other alloys will, without doubt, result in curtailment of planned production of new housing starts simply because of the inability to definitely count on finished products arriving on planned schedule to the job site.

"Furthermore, as new and added regulations come into existence in the months that lie ahead, the skill, ability and ingenuity of the American home builder will be taxed to the limit. It is therefore of extreme importance that the fullest of cooperation is exerted by the proper government officials in conjunction with labor and management to preserve the economic existence of the home building industry. It is hoped, that barring on an all-out war, our government agencies will enlist the advice and sincere counsel of qualified representatives of the home builders of the United States before embarking on any further restrictive measures."

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"The unpredictables will determine what business will be in this and all areas of the United States. Considering just the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, we feel that building under present regulations will go along about as usual. There may be some cut-backs because of financing but not many since most of the money used here for financing building is private.

"Farm building has not been good for several years. There also has been very little repairing and remodeling. Much of this we feel has been caused by lack of labor. With new house building cut back this should start again and fill at least part of the job.

"Another thing that is going to affect this Peninsula is public building. There are more schools going up here than at any one time in the past. There are many roads being built. The new Chesapeake Bay Bridge and connecting roads will open up a whole new territory for summer cottages, small manufacturing and small commercial building.

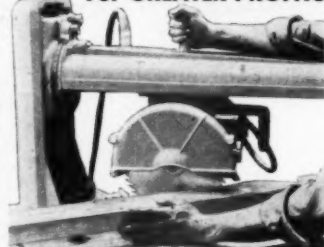
"Over the entire Middle Atlantic territory building will be off at least 25 per cent, because: 1. Restriction in credit. 2. Building is catching up in some metropolitan areas. 3. The families of men in Armed Forces doubling up. 4. Labor migrating to other industries. 5. High cost of building is putting housing out of reach of many families. 6. Not as many families being formed. 7. Uncertain as to where our government is leading us. 8. Scarcity of certain necessary materials."

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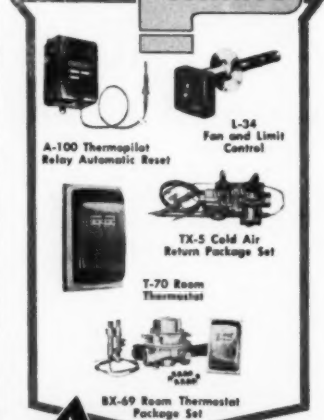
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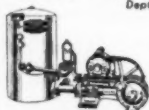
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## What's Ahead...

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**R. L. RUE, Retail Lumber Dealer,  
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"This rather sparsely settled but progressive territory in northeastern Montana should provide a large per-capita demand for new homes during 1951. With good crop yields and extension of rural electrification throughout the region; with a younger generation, in a great many cases, taking over management of farms, new homes or remodeled and modernized homes are becoming the rule.

"The larger trading points, particularly county seat towns are steadily growing and building new homes and commercial buildings."

**B. A. MARTIN, Builder,  
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"Normally, we build approximately 10,000 units per year in the Atlanta area. In 1950 it will reach approximately 13,000 units.

"Consulting with the Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Administration and various builders, I have a conservative estimate of 4,500 units which have been started or on which commitments have been made. These, of course, will be excluded from Regulation X.

"It is a consensus, and I believe a conservative considered estimate, that there will be 5,000 new units started (50 per cent of normal) during 1951 under Regulation X. Putting these together, there should be, barring emergencies, between 9,000 and 9,500 units built in 1951, which is about 10 per cent under normal."

**EDWARD B. HAWKINS, Builder,  
Englewood, Colorado**

"Home building in the Denver area will probably proceed on a fairly vigorous scale into the first half of 1951. Federal credit curbs will increase down-payments required from \$200 to \$800 above previous averages on homes selling from \$12,000 to \$20,000, which may not reduce volume too greatly in this price range. Volume will be most severely cut in the homes previously selling for under \$10,000 with \$300 or less down-payment.

"Likely to slow building volume about mid-1951, will be still further cost increases, pricing houses out of the market, and shortage of critical items. As a great many building materials are shipped into Denver (lumber from the West Coast, manufactured items from the Midwest and East) shortages are always felt here first, as supplies are absorbed nearest the points of origin.

"A cautious attitude by the average builder, with smaller groups of houses under construction at one time, and a close watch kept on sales trends and availability of materials will be the rule for 1951."

**HAROLD SHERMAN, Builder,  
Bethpage, L.I. N.Y.**

"Because of expected shortages in critical materials and equipment in 1951, we plan to leave the low price field of \$8,900 and \$10,000 houses and build \$12,000 and \$13,000 models. Several other builders in the low price range are planning similar action.

"No more critical material is required in a \$13,000 house than for one selling at \$10,000. For that reason, I would not be surprised to see the \$10,000 house virtually leave the Long Island market during 1951. For several months

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#### What's Ahead ...

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"We built and sold about 350 houses during 1950. We have acquired land for about 400 more, but we are not making any large-scale commitments. We will watch the market very cautiously and not build ahead of actual purchase contracts more than 20 or 25 houses at a time."

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"Principal reason for the cutback is the growing scarcity of materials and equipment. The mortgage credit restrictions in Regulation X will have little or no effect on our operations because to most home buyers in the \$30,000 price range, mortgage credit is not a factor.

"We feel we must go ahead in some volume, however, because we have a considerable sum invested in land, utilities and site preparation. Were it not for that, we might think seriously of halting operations until the materials supply and general economic situation become more clarified. Other builders in our price bracket say they feel the same way.

"We have land prepared for 62 houses, but probably will not build more than 30 during 1951. This is just half the number we built and sold in 1950.

"Buyers are going to be disappointed, too, in 1951. Ours has always been an operation in which we catered to the whims of buyers, such as additions of extras, allowing a wide color selection in kitchen and bathroom equipment, and the like. But it appears now that this policy will have to be abandoned in 1951. Contractors are very reluctant to deviate one iota from specifications in their original contracts. They are trying to make what material they have last as long as possible."

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"Our feeling is that, in the field of higher priced houses, or the local price field of \$25,000 or more based on present costs, there will be little if any damage to builders in the present credit restrictions. The threat of material shortages and delivery delays, along with the price structure, is, in our opinion much more inhibiting in this class of residence.

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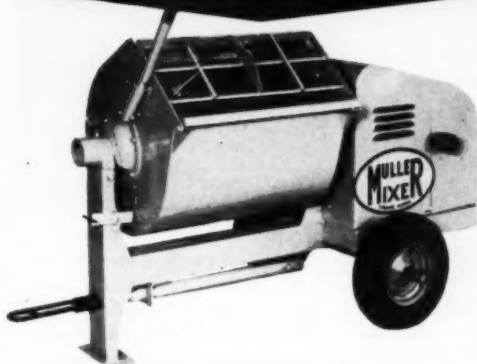
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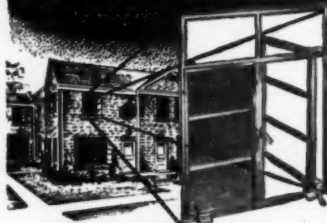
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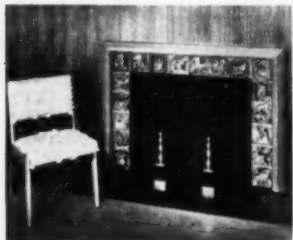
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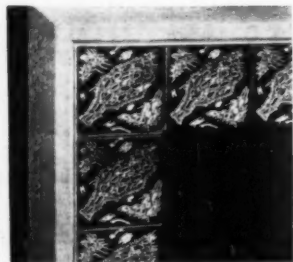
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### What's Ahead . . .

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in new construction, with all existing houses almost forced into conventional loans, probably at higher interest rates.

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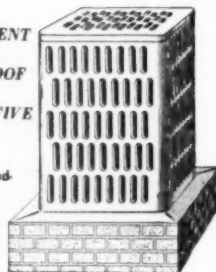


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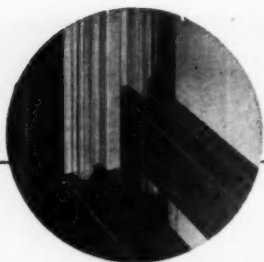
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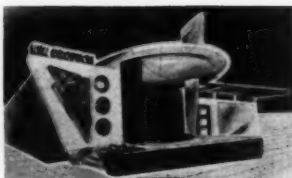


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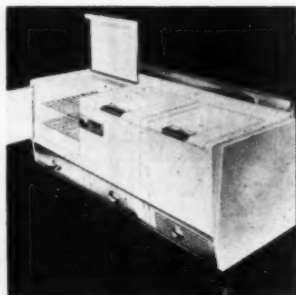


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Presentation of the products will be made by "Miss New Products of 1951" who will "arrive from Mars" on a 12-foot flying saucer.

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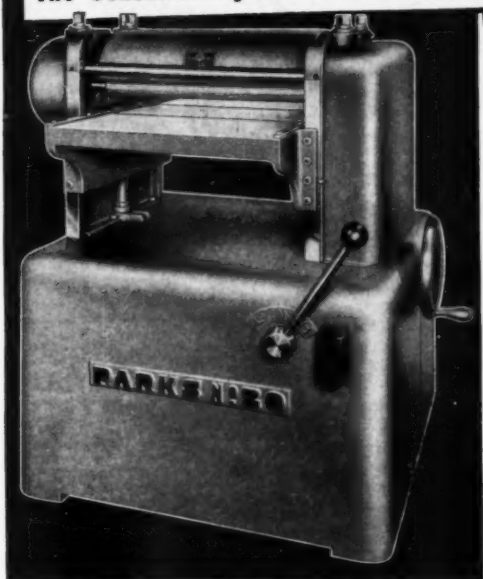
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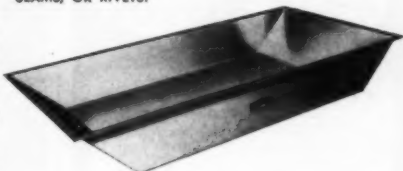
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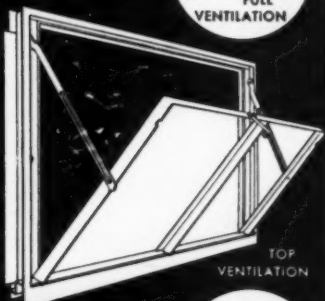
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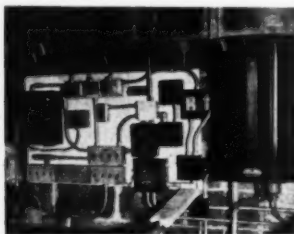
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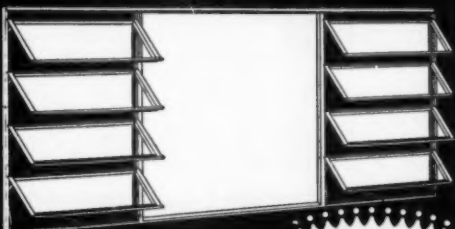
According to government reports and extensive investigation by authorities, termites are not confined to the warm section of the country, but prevail in every state of the union. Today, the government, the lumber industry, entomologists and engineers, are taking vigorous steps to check the spread of termites. This work is known as termite control, and various systems of treatment and chemicals have been devised to eliminate and prevent the termite pest.

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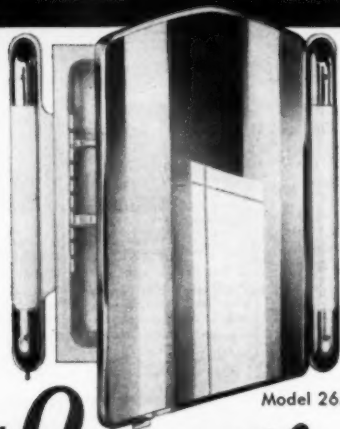
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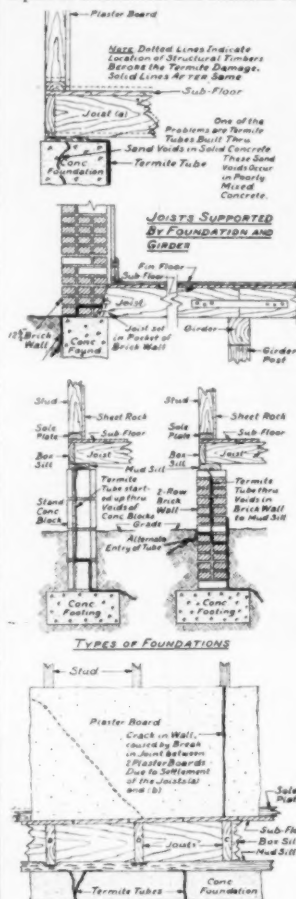


FIGURE I: Illustrates termite tubes that occur in sand voids in solid concrete

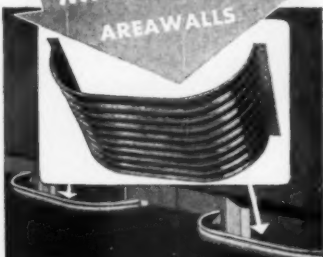
FIGURE II: Illustrates solid brick wall construction with end of floor joist set in pockets. Termite tubes carry through mortar voids and contact end of joist

FIGURE III: Illustrates cement block and brick foundation with wood construction above. Termite tubes enter core of block and mortar voids to contact wood mud-sill

FIGURE IV: Showing termite damage to mud-sill causing joist and substructure above to settle, cracking plastered walls

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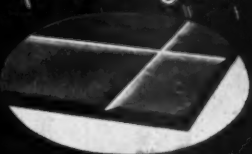


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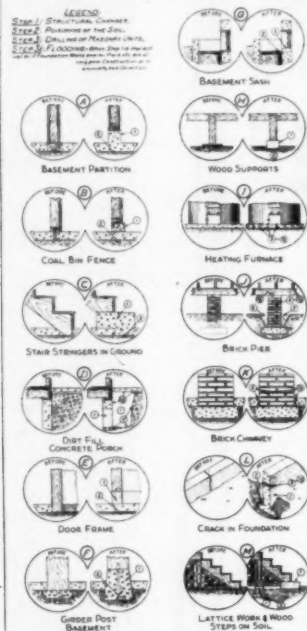
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Translated into words, the above subject title has the following meanings:

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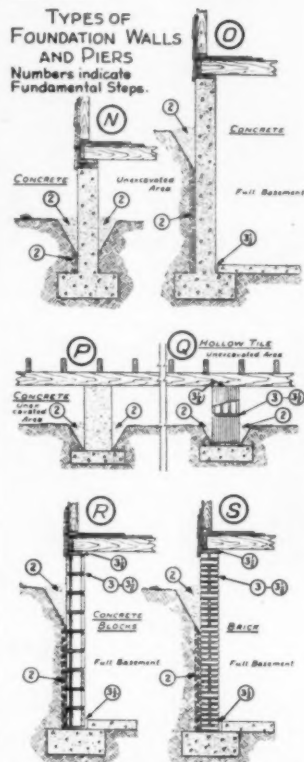
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## Life Artery ...

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The following is a detailed explanation of these major steps as incorporated in the Antimite system of termite control.



VARIOUS types of foundation walls shown above, with the 1-2-3-4 fundamental steps of the standard specification, which control the infiltration of termites into an existing or new building

## STEP #1—STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS:

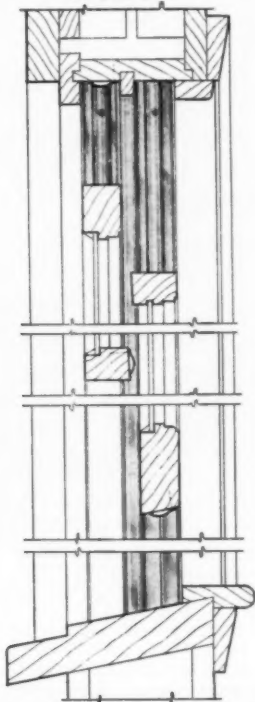
Termites usually find entry into a building through some defect in construction. Consequently, if such defects are corrected it forms an important step in controlling the termites. Such modifications, or corrections, should in no way be mistaken for repairs and replacements which will be discussed further, in these instructions. The following may be classed as "structural modifications"—

(a) Break all direct contact of wood in a building with the soil by their complete removal, or by placing such supports on a concrete base. Excavation should be thoroughly treated before replacement is made.

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(b) All earth filled porches, brick, concrete or tile, must be excavated along the main foundation walls of the building. Such a tunnel should extend from the bottom of the top slab of the porch down to the normal ground level and be wide enough for an application of the solution.

(d) Proper ventilation must be provided for the unexcavated areas under a building; namely 1 sq. ft. of grilled ventilating opening for each 12½ lineal feet of exterior wall, or 1½% of the floor area. Care should be exercised so that openings are placed to prevent "dead air pockets" under a building.

**STEP #2—SOIL POISON:**

This step plays an important part in the control of the subterranean termites because termites live in the ground. If all ground around an infested building is thoroughly treated with a chemical, it means that termites in going in and out of buildings, must pass through the treated ground, thus picking up the chemical on the fine hairs of their bodies and also into their systems, which is another means of spreading the solution.

**STEP #3—DRILLING:**

This way shall in no way be confused with the drilling of timbers preparatory to the "high pressure treatment of timbers in place," but from a practical and engineering standpoint impossible to perform. This particular "drilling" refers to cases where termites might possibly pass through the voids, cracks or spaces in, or between, foundation walls, piers, chimneys, etc., all constructed of masonry units. Solution shall be forced into such voids or spaces in order to form an effective chemical barrier.

**STEP #3½—FLOODING:**

In cases where it is impractical to make structural modifications and if the foundation walls or piers are of poor construction, or in unusually bad condition the solution shall be forced between the top of such masonry foundation walls, piers and the wood resting on same.

The problem of overcoming obstacles enumerated and protecting "The Life Artery of a Building" and wood members supporting superstructure can be best solved in building new homes by:

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When not busy on plank setting work, Andrew handles many extra jobs on a rental basis. He uses the rig to excavate for and install gasoline drums up to 5,000 gallon capacity. In the spring last year he dredged out a space for a boat landing on Lake Winnebago, at the outskirts of Fond du Lac. The job took approximately sixty hours for which he received \$450. Hydraulic truck he uses is a Hydro-crane, made by Bucyrus-Erie Company.

## Life Artery . . .

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grade level or concrete floor level.  
3rd: Any wood supports, unexcavated or basement area, girders, mud sills, floor joists and sub-floor to be pressure treated with 5 per cent Pentachlorophenol, not less than 6 pounds per cubic foot, conforming to A.W.P.A. specifications. Homes already erected and infested with termites should be carefully inspected and serviced by a reliable termite control operator—and according to the Standard Specification known as Steps 1-2-3-3½.

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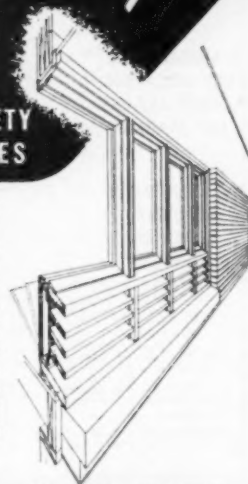
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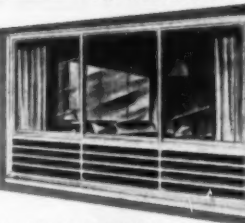
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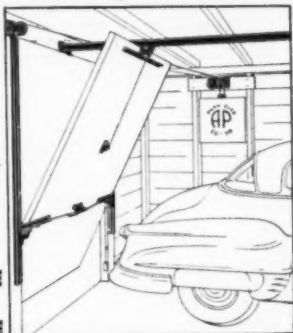
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These screens, woven by the Lumite Division of the Chicopee Manufacturing Corporation, need no painting, for they can be washed without rusting or corroding. Architect for this pavilion was Harwell Hamilton Harris.

## High Home Interest Shown By Germans

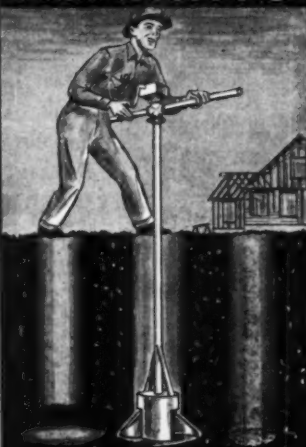
The so-called "iron curtain" designed to cut off the East from the West in Europe is not strong enough to curb the curiosity of thousands of people in the Eastern zone of Germany who want to find out all they can about life in America.

This was strikingly demonstrated at the International Trade Fair held recently in the American sector of Berlin, where one of the most popular attractions proved to be an American prefabricated house, produced in this country and erected at the Fair on order from the U. S. State Department. Every day of the Fair long lines of people waited, sometimes for several hours, to go through the house, and a careful check showed a daily average of 4,000 going through. Of these it was estimated that at least 30 per cent were Germans who had crossed over the Eastern zone.

The house, which was produced by Page & Hill Homes of Shakopee, Minn., comprised three rooms, with breezeway and garage. Exterior features attracting much attention were the attractive siding material and the Ruberoid asphalt shingle roof. Inside, the greatest interest was displayed in the compact plumbing and heating equipment and in various kitchen features such as an electric mixer and an automatic washing machine.

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Henry Cohen, managing director for a wholesale building material and equipment distribution firm in Sydney, Australia, stopped recently in Chicago to call on manufacturers in the area. The Australian is making an around-the-world trip to inspect new developments in the industry.

William E. Rye has been appointed sales manager of the **Sam Mulkey Co.**, Kansas City, Mo. Mulkey joined the firm in 1942 when it was engaged in war production work. Prior to that he was affiliated with a lumber company in Omaha, Neb.

R. B. Fuller has been named sales manager of the **Huttig Manufacturing Co.**, Muscatine, Iowa.

Arvid C. Petersen, president of the **Homograf Planner Corp.**, East Detroit, Mich., has announced the appointment of **Lynn P. Hallowell** as design director of the firm's Home

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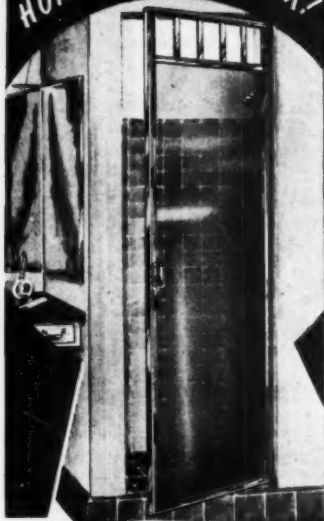
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Planner book and as supervisor of the architectural division. Petersen said that the appointment of Hallowell, who has been active for many years in the designing and planning of low- and moderate-cost homes, completes a major expansion of the Homograf architectural division, enabling the company to provide architectural service to builders and contractors as well as to individuals.

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Election of **James J. Upson** as administrative vice president of the **Upson Co.** has been announced by the firm's board of directors. Upson joined the company in 1946 after service as a naval officer. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania.

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**Walter D. Scott** has been appointed manager of the stock sales division of **Sargent and Co.**, according to an announcement by J. Bryer Duff, general sales manager. Scott has been affiliated with the company since 1927. In his new post he will have charge of sales operations for both Sargent and Bernard tools and all of the firm's stock hardware products.

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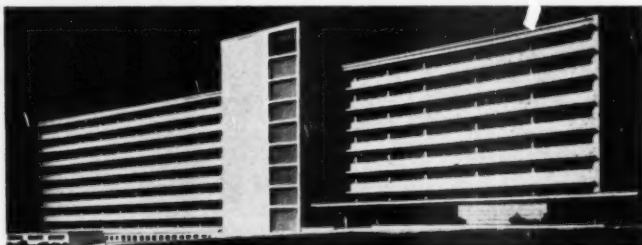
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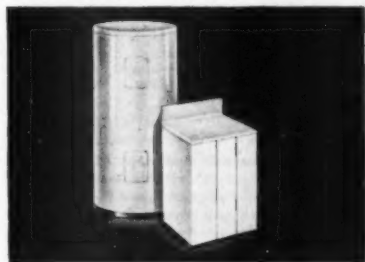
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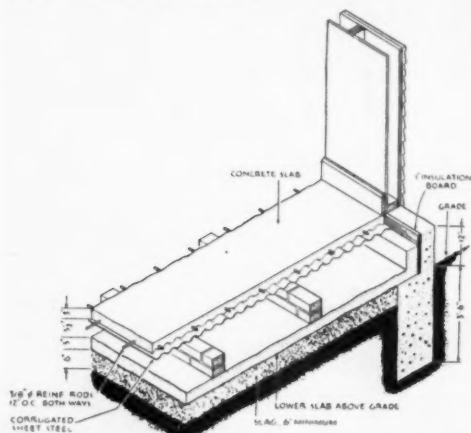


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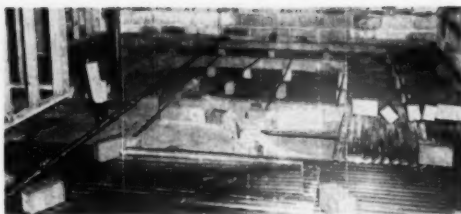
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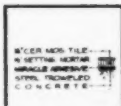
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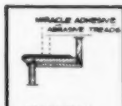
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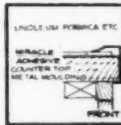
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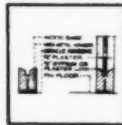
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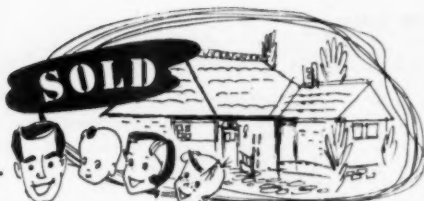
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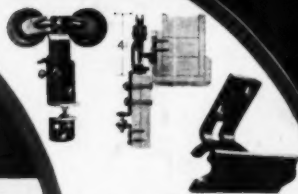
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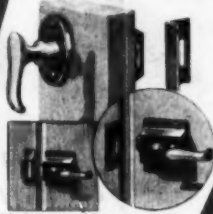
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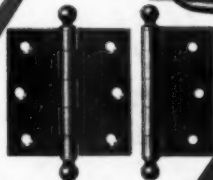
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